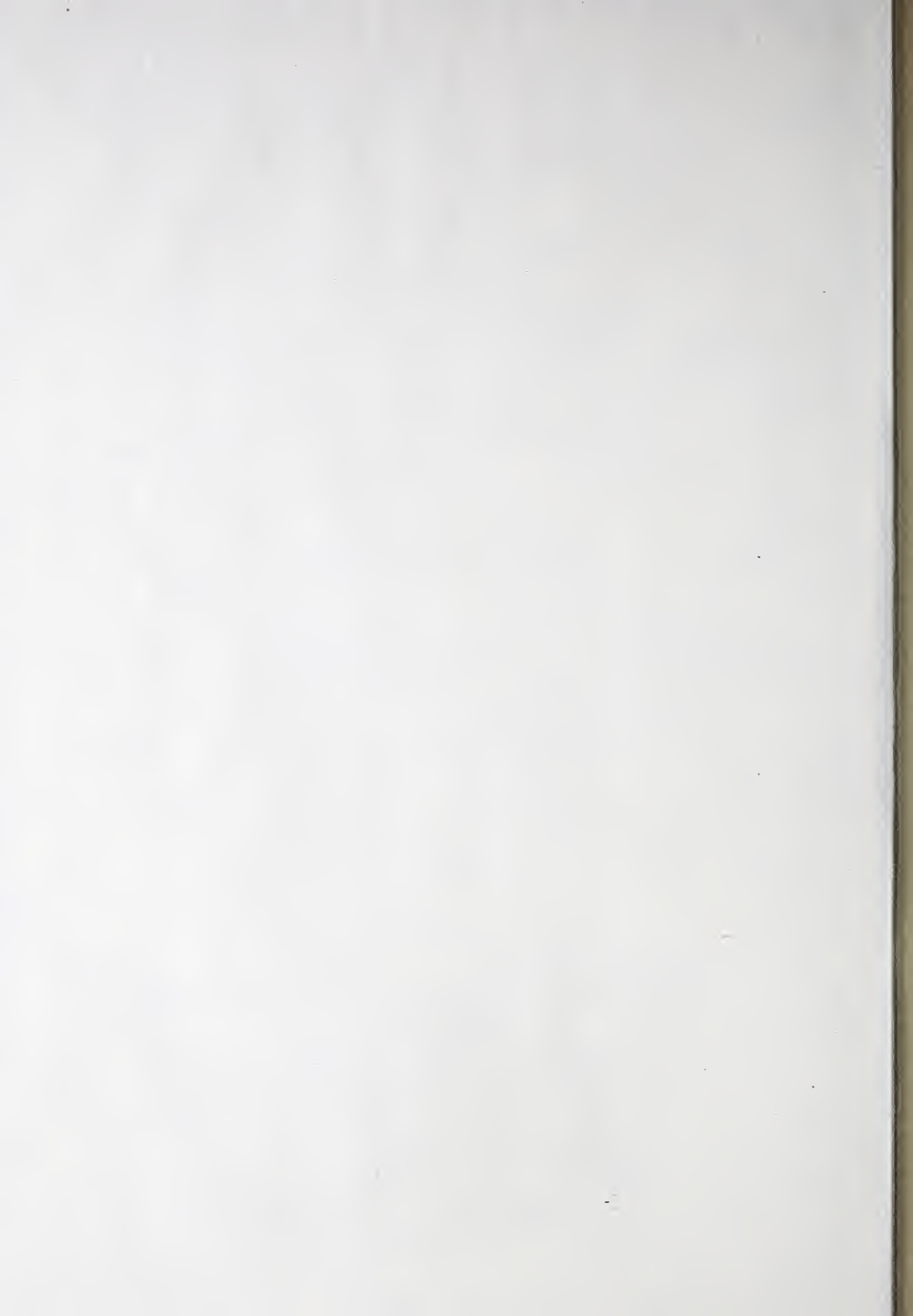






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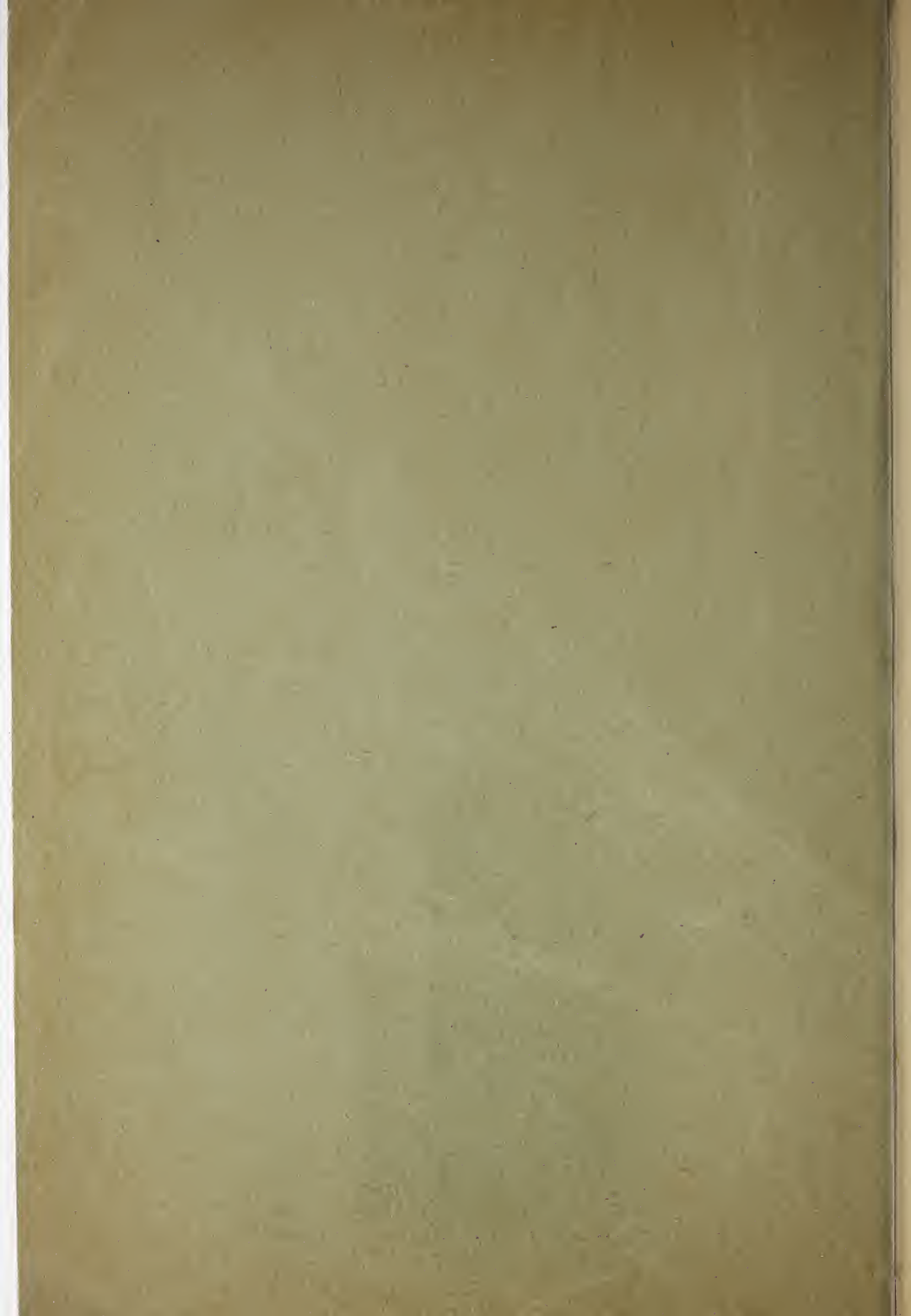


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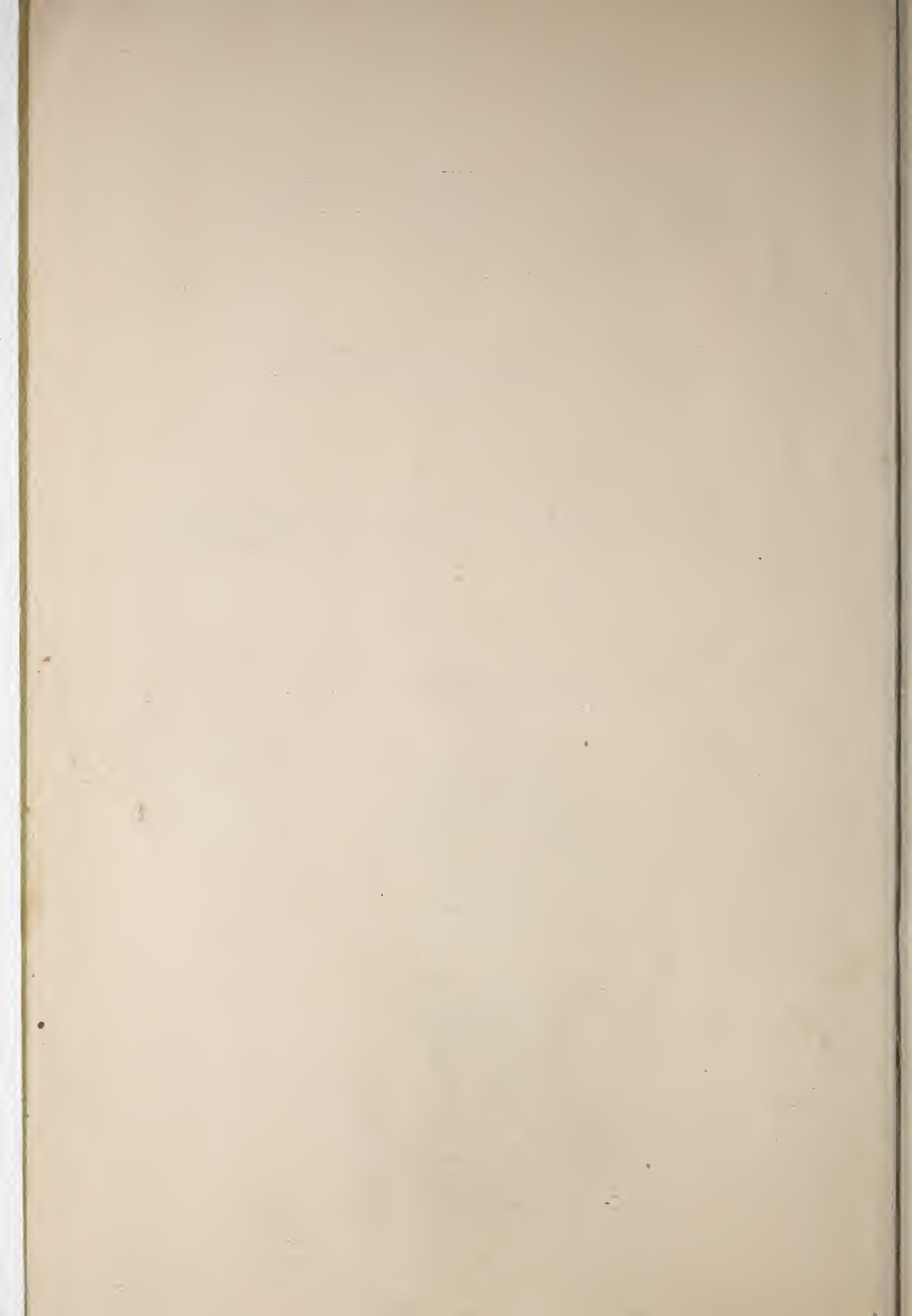
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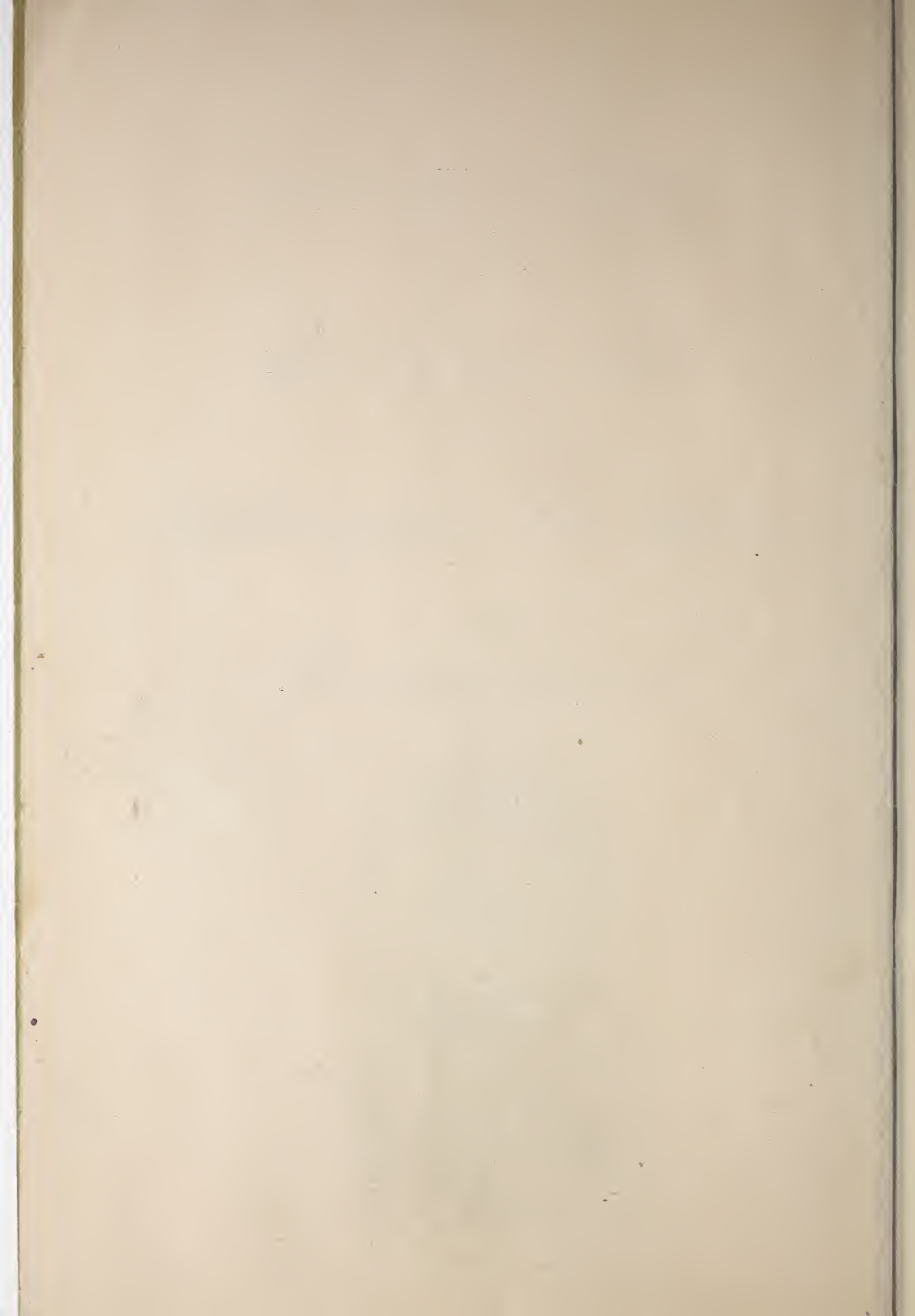
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*Constables.*

Frank J. Knight,      Michael O'Brien,      Fred A. Patch.

*Highway Surveyors.*

George H. Brown,      Fred W. Davis,      Asa K. Tyler.

*Tax Collector.*

Albert S. Howard.

*Auditors.*

Henry A. Hill,      William H. Lang,      Everett W. Seaver.

*Sextons.*

James L. Farrar,      Justin C. Hodgman.

*Trustees of Public Library.*

Evelyn L. Warren, term expires April, 1904.  
Oliver Proctor, term expires April, 1905.  
Benjamin A. Willmott, term expires April, 1906.

*Cemetery Commissioners.*

Charles E. Patch, term expires April, 1904.  
Henry B. Hildreth, term expires April, 1905.  
George A. Wilder, term expires April, 1906.

*Tree Warden.*

Joel S. Cook.

*Park Commissioners.*

Alfred N. Fessenden, term expires April, 1904.  
William A. Russell, term expires April, 1905.  
Charles F. Worcester, term expires April, 1906.

*Public Weighers.*

George A. Adams,	T. James Harvey,
A. Clarence Josselyn,	Leander C. Jefts,
William M. Lawrence,	William H. Lang,
Harry L. Whitcomb.	

*Cullers of Hoops and Staves.*

William F. Heselton,	Alvah F. Stickney,
Harry L. Whitcomb.	

*Fence Viewers.*

Joel S. Cook,	Edward A. Craig,	Henry H. Jennerson.
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*Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber.*

George A. Adams,	Edward B. Morse,
George G. Clarke,	Beniah H. Savage,
William M. Lawrence,	Alvah F. Stickney,
William H. Lang.	Harry L. Whitcomb.

*Committee on Suppression of Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.*

Albert S. Howard,	Warren D. Hinds,	Frank J. Knight,
Herbert D. Thomas,	Benjamin A. Willmott.	

*Old Home Week Committee.*

Asa K. Tyler,	Fairfield Whitney,	Clarence Stickney,
Ransom B. Adams,	Timothy E. Flarity.	

## OFFICERS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

*Registrars of Voters.*

George A. Wilder, *Clerk of Board.*

Irving A. Seaver, term expires April, 1904.

John M. Coffey, term expires April, 1905.

Herman L. Stickney, term expires April, 1906.

*Forest Fire Wards.*

Bernard L. Beckonert,  
Moses Blood,  
George H. Brackett,  
Joel S. Cook,  
John B. Clark,  
John E. Donovan,  
Byron H. Laws,

Fred S. Palfreyman,  
Benjamin W. Parker,  
Fred A. Patch,  
Galen A. Proctor,  
Thomas J. Smith,  
Charles S. Wyman,  
Charles R. F. Warner.

*Agents of Board of Health.*

Albert J. Atwood,  
Henry B. Boynton,  
Luther G. Chandler,

Richard S. Ely,  
John N. Going,  
George A. Wilder.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

Frederick J. Piper.

*To have charge of the burial of honorably discharged soldiers or  
sailors who may die in Townsend, without leaving suffi-  
cient means to defray funeral expenses.*

Levi T. Parker.

*Inspector of Animals and Provisions.*

John N. Going.

*Field Drivers.*

Frank J. Knight,

Michael O'Brien,

Fred A. Patch.

*Ballot Clerks.*

Frederick J. Piper,

Alexander Reed.

*Tellers.*

John A. Arlin,

Roswell A. Lancey.

*Licensed to Keep One or More Pool Tables.*

Walter D. Farrar,

Wright Brothers.

*Board of Engineers.*Timothy E. Flarity, *Chief*,

Frank J. Knight,

Alfred N. Fessenden,

Charles T. McDormond,

Frank N. Greenleaf,

Joseph F. Thompson.

*Licensed Inn Holders.*

Walter D. Farrar,

Fred B. Tyler,

Wright Brothers.

*Licensed Auctioneers.*

Lendall U. Clement,

Charles T. McDormond,

Richard McElligott,

Lawrence Morgan,

Beniah H. Savage.

*Licensed Undertakers.*

James L. Farrar,

Miletus Gleason.

*Licensed Butchers.*

Edward D. Lancey,

Byron H. Laws.

*Licensed to Keep Four or More Horses in One Stable.*

George A. Ballou,

Granville Pierce,

Daniel Campbell,

Charles M. Proctor,

Jerry Donovan,

Clarence Stickney,

Anson D. Fessenden,

George L. Whitcomb,

James L. Farrar,

Wood Brothers,

Wright Brothers.

**TOWN MEETINGS, 1903.****ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT AND ACTION OF THE TOWN  
UNDER EACH ARTICLE.**

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**TOWN MEETING APRIL 6, 1903.**

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

Voted and elected T. E. Flarity Moderator.

ART. 2. To accept the printed reports of the officers and committees of the town.

Voted to accept the reports of the town officers and committees as printed.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees of the town for the ensuing year.

Chose for Town Clerk : G. A. Wilder.

Voted to proceed to the election of a board of assessors by ballot.

Voted and chose for Assessors : A. K. Tyler, R. B. Adams, C. R. F. Warner.

Voted to take a recess of one hour.

Meeting was called to order at 1 o'clock.

Voted and chose for Selectmen : B. L. Beckonert, Richard McElligott, G. A. Proctor.

Chose for Town Treasurer : A. C. Josselyn.

Voted to take up Article 19.

Voted to lay Article 19 on the table.

Returned to Article 3.

Voted the Chair appoint a committee of three to receive proposals for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

Committee appointed: F. H. Jennerson, H. B. Boynton, M. C. Welch.

Voted that three o'clock be assigned for Article 21.

Voted and chose for School Committee for three years: C. F. Worcester, G. A. Wilder, F. M. Warren.

Voted and chose for Constables: M. O'Brien, F. A. Patch, F. J. Knight.

Voted the matter of lighting the street lamps in West Townsend be left in the hands of some suitable person to be chosen later in the day.

Voted to choose three Highway Surveyors.

Voted and chose for Highway Surveyors: A. K. Tyler, F. W. Davis, G. H. Brown.

Committee to receive proposals for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year reported that G. A. Wilder would collect for 10 per cent., L. U. Clement for 1 per cent. and A. S. Howard for 1 per cent.

Voted and chose for Tax Collector: A. S. Howard.

ART. 21. Special order, taken up at 3 o'clock.

Voted not to license the sale of intoxicating liquors; No, 100. Yes, 14.

Voted the Selectmen be requested not to grant a license for a pool table or billiard table in any building owned by the town.

Returned to Article 3.

Voted and chose for Auditors: E. W. Seaver, H. A. Hill, W. H. Lang.

Voted and chose for Sextons: J. L. Farrar, C. E. Patch.

Voted and chose for Trustee of Public Library for three years: B. A. Willmott.

Voted and chose for Cemetery Commissioner for three years: G. A. Wilder.

Voted and chose for Tree Warden: Joel S. Cook.



Voted to elect a Board of Park Commissioners for one, two and three years.

Voted and chose for Park Commissioners: A. N. Fessenden for one year, W. A. Russell for two years, C. F. Worcester for three years.

Voted and chose for Public Weighers: W. M. Lawrence, L. C. Jefts, T. James Harvey, A. C. Josselyn, G. A. Adams, H. L. Whitcomb, W. H. Lang.

Voted and chose for Cullers of Hoops and Staves: H. L. Whitcomb, A. F. Stickney, W. F. Heselton.

Voted and chose for Fence Viewers: H. H. Jennerson, E. A. Craig, Joel S. Cook.

Voted and chose for Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber: A. F. Stickney, B. H. Savage, E. B. Morse, G. A. Adams, W. M. Lawrence, W. H. Lang, H. L. Whitcomb, G. G. Clarke.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate money, say how much, and how the same shall be expended, for highways, bridges, breaking snow paths, removing snow from sidewalks, building sidewalks, support of poor, lighting streets, town officers, general expenses, Memorial Hall, watering trough at Harbor, town debts, interest on town debts, insurance, suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, Memorial Day, soldiers' relief, Superintendent of Schools under Chap. 431, Acts of 1888, teachers' salaries, school incidentals, maintenance of fire department.

Voted that \$500.00 of the money appropriated this year for highways, bridges and snow paths be used by the Selectmen for the permanent improvement of our roads.

Voted that the income from Odd Fellows' Hall, Seminary Hall and rentals from any other building used for school purposes be placed in the school teachers' fund.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums:—



Highways, bridges and snow paths,	\$2,000 00
Expended by Highway Surveyors.	
Support of poor,	\$1,500 00
Expended by Overseers of Poor.	
Town officers,	\$600 00
General expenses,	600 00
Memorial Hall,	300 00
Expended by Selectmen.	
Memorial Day,	\$100 00
Expended by Memorial Association.	
Town debt,	\$1,800 00
Interest,	252 00
Soldiers' relief,	100 00
Expended by Selectmen.	
School teachers,	\$3,500 00
School superintendent,	450 00
School incidentals,	2,000 00
Expended by School Committee.	
Fire department incidentals,	\$225 00
Fire department at Center and West Townsend,	400 00
Teams to fires,	25 00
Chief Engineer,	25 00
Expended by Board of Engineers.	
Sidewalks,	\$150 00
Expended by Highway Surveyors.	
Lighting streets,	\$400 00
Except West Townsend expended by Constables.	
Suppression of illegal sale of liquors,	\$200 00
Watering trough at Harbor,	5 00
Insurance,	375 00
Expended by Selectmen.	

Voted the lighting of the streets at West Townsend be placed in the hands of the Highway Surveyor at West Townsend.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of taking a valuation of the town and printing reports thereof.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of taking a valuation of the town and printing reports thereof.

To be expended by the Assessors.

ART. 6. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers for the purpose of purchasing a light ladder truck for use of the Department at the Center.

Voted to lay Article 6 on the table.

ART. 7. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers for the purchase of fire hats for the use of the Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase 18 fire hats for the use of the Department, the same to be expended by the Board of Engineers.

Voted to take up Article 6.

Voted to pass Article 6.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to remove the lock-up in the Engine House at the Center to make room for a small ladder truck.

Voted to pass the article.

ART. 9. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Old Home Week.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the observance of Old Home Week, the same to be expended by the Selectmen.

Voted a committee of five be chosen by nomination to have charge of the observance of Old Home Week.

Voted and chose as that committee: A. K. Tyler, Fairfield Whitney, G. L. Whitcomb, R. B. Adams, T. E. Flarity.

Mr. Whitcomb asked to be excused from serving on this committee.

Voted to excuse Mr. Whitcomb from serving on the Old Home Week committee.

Voted and chose as a member of the Old Home Week committee in place of Mr. Whitcomb, Clarence Stickney.

Voted to reconsider the motion whereby the town voted that the money appropriated for the observance of Old Home Week should be expended by the Selectmen.

Voted not to have the money appropriated for Old Home Week expended by the Selectmen.

Voted that the money appropriated for the observance of Old Home Week be expended by the Old Home Week committee.

ART. 10. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for Band Concerts.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for Band Concerts, the same to be expended by the officers of the Band.

ART. 11. To request the Selectmen to grant a franchise for an electric road from Lunenburg by some direct route to Townsend Center as soon as a favorable opportunity is presented, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to grant a franchise for an electric road from Lunenburg by some direct route to Townsend Center as soon as a favorable opportunity is presented.

ART. 12. To request the Selectmen to grant to Anson D. Fessenden a permit to pass wires over certain streets, for the purpose of conveying light and power from his present plant to the buildings and premises formerly occupied by Walter Fessenden and Son, on either side of Main street.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to grant to A. D. Fessenden such permits as may be required to pass wires over streets for the purpose of conveying light and power to premises formerly occupied by Walter Fessenden and Son, on either side of Main street, providing said Fessenden acquires said property and becomes engaged in business thereon and providing further that said permit shall not allow him to sell light or power except upon the above premises, and providing further that such permits shall not involve the town in any litigation whatever.

ART. 13. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of lighting the Town Library and the Selectmen's rooms with electricity.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90.00 for the purpose of putting electric light fixtures into the Public Library and the Selectmen's rooms, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and the Trustees of the Public Library.

ART. 14. To request the Selectmen to ascertain the cost of lighting the streets of Townsend with electricity and report at some future meeting.

Voted to request the Selectmen to ascertain the cost of lighting the streets of Townsend by electricity, and report at a special town meeting called for that purpose.

ART. 15. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of making alterations and repairs at the Center school building.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of making alterations and repairs at the Center school building. To be expended by the School Committee.

ART. 16. To instruct the Selectmen to sell or repair South Row school house.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to sell or repair South Row school house.

ART. 17. To decide whether the money refunded to the town on account of dog licenses shall be used for the Public Library or for schools.

Voted that the money refunded to the town on account of dog licenses shall be used for the Public Library.

ART. 18. To direct the Tax Collector to charge interest upon all taxes not paid at a specified time.

Voted to direct the Tax Collector to charge interest on all taxes not paid Dec. 1, 1903, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

Voted to take up Article 19.

ART. 19. To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year as shall be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year.

Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the town of Townsend, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Selectmen of said town, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding 6 per



cent. per annum, the said debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans as aforesaid to be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

ART. 20. To choose a committee to act with the Selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Voted and chose for a committee on the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors: W. D. Hinds, F. J. Knight, H. D. Thomas, A. S. Howard, B. A. Willmott.

ART. 22. To choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the town, with power to employ counsel.

Voted and chose the Selectmen as agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the town, with power to employ counsel.

ART. 23. To accept from Arthur E. Whitney, of Winchester, Mass., the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners in the perpetual care of the Asa Whitney lot in the Center cemetery, and in the care of the Whitney, Wallace and Clark graves in the old cemetery.

Voted to accept from Arthur E. Whitney, of Winchester, Mass., the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the Asa Whitney lot in the Center cemetery, and in the care of the Whitney, Wallace and Clark graves in the old cemetery.

ART. 24. To accept from Margaret Dobson, of Chicago, Ill., the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery commissioners in

the perpetual care of the Dobson family lot, No. 32, at the corner of the third and middle avenues, in the Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from Margaret Dobson, of Chicago, Ill., the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the Dobson family lot, No. 32, at the corner of the third and middle avenues, in the Center cemetery.

ART. 25. To accept from Wayland Spaulding, Adm'r of the estate of Daniel Spaulding, the sum of \$60.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the Daniel Spaulding lot in the Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from Wayland Spaulding, Administrator of the estate of Daniel Spaulding, the sum of \$60.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the Daniel Spaulding lot in the Center cemetery.

ART. 26. To accept from the estate of Hamor Lewis the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the Hamor Lewis lot in the Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from the estate of Hamor Lewis, the sum of \$100.00 in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the Hamor Lewis lot in the Center cemetery.

Voted to take up Article 11. Voted that the same advisory committee act with the Selectmen as last year. Viz:—A. D. Fessenden, C. F. Worcester, Clarence Stickney.

ART. 27. To hear the report of the committee chosen to examine the stone bridge at West Townsend.



Mr. Oliver Proctor, for the committee, made a verbal report that it was the opinion of the committee that unless the quantity of water is greater than at present nothing need be done to the bridge.

Voted to refer the matter back to the same committee and the Selectmen, with instructions to report at the next town meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to pay out of the town treasury the sum of \$5.00 to Mr. T. E. Flarity for his services as Moderator this day.

Voted to adjourn.

T. E. FLARITY, *Moderator*.

Attest: G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk*.

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TOWN MEETING, APRIL 28, 1903.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

Voted and chose T. E. Flarity as Moderator.

ART. 2. To accept the resignation of C. R. F. Warner as Assessor for the year 1903.

Article 2 was ordered laid on the table.

Voted to take up Article 7.

ART. 7. To accept from the estate of Mary F. Richards the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners in the perpetual care of the Richards lot in the West Townsend cemetery.

Voted to amend Article 7 by placing the words "John K." before the word "Richards" in the latter part of the article.

Voted to accept from the estate of Mary F. Richards the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the John K. Richards lot in the West Townsend cemetery.

Voted to take up Article 6.

ART. 6. To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to the cost of lighting the streets of Townsend by electricity.

Mr. G. A. Proctor, for the Selectmen, made a verbal report, stating that Mr. U. S. Adams would put up poles, fixtures and lamps, and furnish light for street lamps as follows: sixteen candle power lamps for \$10.00 per year; twenty-five candle power lamps for \$12.50 per year; thirty-two candle power lamps for \$15.00 per year.

Voted to accept the report as a report of progress.

Voted to refer the matter back to the Selectmen with instructions to report at some future meeting.

Voted to take up Article 2.

The resignation of C. R. F. Warner as one of the Assessors was read by the Moderator.

Voted to accept the resignation of C. R. F. Warner as one of the Assessors.

ART. 3. To choose an Assessor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. R. F. Warner.

Voted and chose F. H. Jennerson as an Assessor.

Voted to take up Article 6.

Voted to instruct the committee to look the streets of the three villages over and ascertain how many lights will be needed and the probable cost of the same.

ART. 4. To accept the resignation of Chas. E. Patch as Sexton for the ensuing year.

The resignation of Chas. E. Patch as Sexton was read by th. Moderator.

Voted to accept the resignation of Chas. E. Patch as Sexton.

ART. 5. To choose a Sexton to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chas. E. Patch.

Voted the Town Clerk cast one ballot for J. C. Hodgman as Sexton. The Clerk cast the ballot and J. C. Hodgman was declared elected a Sexton for the ensuing year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.45 o'clock, P. M.

T. E. FLARITY, *Moderator.*

Attest: G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*

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#### TOWN MEETING, JUNE 4, 1903.

ARTICLE I. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

Voted and chose T. E. Flarity as Moderator.

ART. 2. To hear report of Selectmen in regard to lighting the town by electricity.

Mr. G. A. Proctor, for the committee, made the following report :

Mr. Moderator and Gentlemen :—We, the committee chosen by the town to ascertain the cost of lighting the town by electricity, submit the following report.

We began our work at Townsend Harbor, at a point nearly opposite the place known as the Clark place, placing a light at this point ; from there to Main Street is nearly 800 feet, and by placing a light about half way between these points we think this street will be fairly well lighted. By placing a light about 300 feet below the corner at the canal bridge, and one at the bridge, and five on Main Street above Josselyn's store, the Harbor will be sufficiently lighted.

We began at the Cong. Parsonage at the Center, and went along Cemetery Street to Oak Street, a distance of about 445 feet, and placing a light at Parsonage, one about opposite Mr. Clement's, and one at the corner of Cemetery and Oak Streets. We thought it unnecessary to put any lights on Oak Street, as by having one at each end it would be sufficiently lighted ; besides, Mr. Fessenden now has two lights which he uses, and if at any time more light is wished for it can easily be put up. The next light we located at corner of Oak and Bow Streets. The next about opposite Mr. Bush's house, and the next at corner of Bow and Highland Streets, a distance of about 850 feet, or about 215 feet between lights. The next light was located on Highland Street, by street leading to Solomon Stearn's house, a distance of about 425 feet. As there are no houses between this point and Dobson's corner we did not propose to put a light there, but place the next one at Dobson's corner, a distance of about 1050 feet. The next light was placed near Mr. Jack O'Brien's, a distance of about 300 feet. The next at corner by Mr. M. O'Brien's, about 300 feet distant. The next light was near Mr. Will O'Brien's, a distance of about 450 feet. The next at Brookline Street, 450 feet, making a light on each corner and

one light between.

We then went to the junction of Brookline Street and Townsend Hill Road near the Sartelle place, and placed a light there, then one near the bridge, and there was already one on Coffey's corner; then the next came opposite Mr. A. K. Tyler's, the next at Mr. Harlan Green's store, the next by Mrs. Seaver's, the next by the Hart house, and the next by the Hotel corner. The distance was about 3000 feet. These, with the one at corner of Bow and Highland Streets, make nine lights, an average distance of  $333\frac{1}{3}$  feet apart.

We next took School Street and placed one at the N. W. corner of Common; there is already one at Mrs. Fessenden's at no expense to the town, so we placed the next by Mr. Lancey's, the next at the Joe Wallace place, and the next at the corner by Mr. Alonzo Blood's, distance about 1860 feet, including Mrs. Fessenden's light and the one on Main Street; this is six lights, an average distance of about 300 feet.

We next took the street leading over Meeting-house Hill. thought one light by Mr. Howard's would be sufficient: we went from there to Elm Street, and with a light at corner of Elm and Main, one at Engine House, one near R. R. crossing, one at B. Blood's corner, one near J. Arlin's and one by Sam Gillis', the South side of Main Street would be well lighted.

Thinking information about lighting as far as G. Wood's might be desired we went there and found the distance about 1800 feet from U. S. Adams' office. If we wished for, we thought four or five lights would do.

We next took Main Street, and there were lights already at some of the corners; it made lights at Parsonage corner, one at Finegan's, one at Drug Store corner, one at corner Depot and Main, one at corner Brookline and Main, one at Brick Store, one at Memorial Hall, one at Bridge, one at East corner of Worcester Park, one near F. H. Jennerson's, one at Worcester corner, one near F. Warren's, and one at



Warren Wyeth's.

We then went to West Townsend and placed a light at R. R. crossing, one at Stickney's, one at Depot corner, one at McEllgott house, one at Roebuck house, one at Boynton barn, one at Barnett house, one at Reed's corner, one at Geo. Adams' house, one at E. A. Craig's house, one at Engine House, one near Blackman's house, one at Franklin Adams' house, one at Thompson's mill: from there we went on Fitchburg Street to Cross Street, about 550 feet distant, and placed a light there; from there we went to Elm Street and placed a light at the Beehive, one at corner Cross and Elm, one at Pierce place, and one at Davis' barn would light that street well; next to Canal Street, one light near Mrs. Richards', one at Bridge, one at Sherwin's corner, and one at Mr. Welch's near grave yard would complete the number we think sufficient to light the town well.

We have consulted Mr. U. S. Adams, and as there are 45 lights proposed for the Center and 23 for West, making 68 lights in all, Mr. Adams says he would not put up the system complete and run it one year for less than \$1900.00 a year, for a period of five years.

While we think this would light the villages well, and something to work up to, we think it not thoroughly practicable at this time, so have another proposition which we suggest, which is to place lights on poles now erected at \$12.50 per light of 24 candle power. This would give lights at Parsonage corner, Clement's corner, Drug Store corner, Dr. Chandler's corner, Hotel corner, by Dr. Atwood's, at Brick Store, Memorial Hall, Bank, Bridge, Upper Common and Worcester corner, also at N. West corner Common, Mrs. A. L. Fessenden, R. Lancey, Wallace place and E. A. Blood house, also on South side Main Street at Engine House, Burt's corner, B. Blood's corner, Sam Gillis' corner and opposite front door of Station. This makes 22 lights for the Center.

At West Townsend we think a light at R. R. crossing, one at Depot corner, one at Wilson's, one at Boynton's house, one at Corner, one at Geo. Adams', one at E. A. Craig's, one at Engine House, one at Thompson's mill, one at Davis' barn, Elm Street, one at Pierce's house. and one at Mrs. Richard's and one at bridge on Canal Street, making 13 lights for West Townsend, 35 lights in all, of 24 candle power, costing at \$12.50 each, \$437.50.

Voted to accept the report.

Voted the Selectmen be authorized to enter into a contract with U. S. Adams for the purpose of putting 35 lights on streets at Center and West Townsend as recommended by the Selectmen, and also be authorized to make a contract at \$12.50 per light for the 35 lights, said contract to extend for a period of one year, also to appropriate the sum of \$125.00 in addition to the amount already appropriated for street lighting. The vote was unanimous.

ART. 3. To borrow and appropriate a sum of money to repair and improve the Hand Engine at West Townsend, and say under the direction of whom the same shall be expended.

Voted to borrow and appropriate the sum of \$400 00 and to authorize the Treasurer to issue notes therefor, countersigned by the Selectmen, payable as follows: \$200.00 in one year and \$200.00 in two years from this date, with interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend. Or such part of \$400.00 as may be needed to make the necessary purchase. Said sum to be placed at the disposal of the Board of Engineers, to be expended by them in the purchase of such Fire Engine as in their judgment will be for the best interests of West Townsend.

A rising vote was taken, 51 for and none against

ART. 4. To borrow and appropriate a sum of money to



purchase a Chemical Fire Engine, to be kept at West Townsend.

No action was taken under Article 4.

ART. 5. To borrow and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for repairs on Aker place, so called, at Town Farm.

Voted to pass the article.

ART. 6. To borrow and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to rebuild the Canal Bridge at Townsend Harbor.

Voted to borrow the sum of \$200.00, and to authorize the Treasurer to issue notes therefor, countersigned by the Selectmen, payable in one year, with interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend. Said sum to be placed at the disposal of the Selectmen to be expended by them in rebuilding the Canal Bridge at the Harbor.

A rising vote was taken, 32 for and none against.

ART. 7. To appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of lighting the room of the Memorial Association with electricity.

Voted to appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for the purpose of wiring and placing electric lights in the room of the Memorial Association.

Vote was unanimous.

ART. 8. To see if the town will establish a price per hour for fighting forest fire.

Voted that the price for fighting forest fires shall be 20 cents per hour.

Voted to adjourn.

T. E. FLARITY, *Moderator.*

Attest: G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*

## TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 3, 1903.

## STATE ELECTION.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Mr. F. J. Piper and Mr. Alexander Reed were sworn as Ballot Clerks, and Mr. R. A. Lancey and Mr. J. A. Arlin as Tellers.

All the preliminaries of the law having been complied with, the Official Ballots were placed in the hands of the proper officers, and the voting began.

The meeting in town affairs was called at 2 o'clock P. M., and the articles of the warrant were acted upon as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

Voted and chose T. E. Flarity as Moderator.

ART. 2 To see if the town will vote to place four additional electric lights on Brookline Street, and two electric lights west of Worcester corner, also three electric lights at West Townsend.

Moved that the Selectmen be instructed to place four additional electric lights on Brookline Street, two west of Worcester corner, and three at West Townsend.

An amendment was offered that three lights be placed on Bow Street.

A second amendment was offered that one more light be placed on the corner of Elm and Linden Streets, West Townsend.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to place four additional electric lights on Brookline Street, two electric lights west of Worcester corner, three electric lights at West

Townsend, three electric lights on Bow Street, and one electric light on the corner of Elm and Linden Streets, West Townsend.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept from George W. Brown, of Townsend, Mass. the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of George W. Brown lot in the Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from George W. Brown, of Townsend, the sum of \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the George W. Brown lot in Center cemetery.

ART. 4. To see if the town will accept from the estate of Melbourn W. Whitney the sum of \$300.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the Wallace Whitney lot in the Center cemetery; subject to the following provision: should no provision be made for the Samuel Brooks lot, adjoining, by other heirs, and at any time there is more income than is sufficient for the care of said Whitney lot, the balance may be used for the care of said Brooks lot.

Voted to accept from the estate of Melbourn W. Whitney the sum of \$300.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended at the discretion of the Cemetery Commissioners, in the perpetual care of the Wallace Whitney lot in the Center cemetery; subject to the following provision: should no provision be made for the Samuel Brooks lot, adjoining, by other heirs, and at any time there is more income than is sufficient for the care of said Whitney lot, the balance may be used for the care of said Brooks lot.

The meeting in town affairs was adjourned at 2.25 P. M.  
The polls were closed at 4.25 P. M.

The check lists were compared and it was ascertained that 258 persons were checked as having voted.

The ballots were counted and official declaration of the result was made in in open meeting as follows :

## FOR GOVERNOR.

R.	John L. Bates, of Boston,	had 178 votes.
S. L.	Thomas F. Brennan, of Salem,	" 0 "
S.	John C. Chase, of Haverhill,	" 4 "
P.	Oliver W. Cobb, of East Hampton,	" 12 "
D.	William A. Gaston, of Boston,	" 59 "
	Blanks.	5

## FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

S.	John Quincy Adams, of Amesbury,	had 7 votes.
R.	Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston,	" 168 "
P.	William F. Merrill, of Malden,	" 15 "
D.	Richard Olney, 2d, of Leicester,	" 50 "
S. L.	Moritz E. Ruther, of Holyoke,	" 0 "
	Blanks,	18

## FOR SECRETARY.

S.	Olaf Bokelund, of Worcester,	had 4 votes.
S. L.	John F. Coyle, of Lynn,	" 1 "
P.	Alfred L. Cutting, of Weston,	" 13 "
D.	Ezekiel M. Ezekiel, of Springfield,	" 42 "
R.	William M. Olin, of Boston,	" 168 "
	Blanks,	30

## FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

S.	John A. Billings, of Rockland,	had 4 votes.
R.	Edward S. Bradford, of Springfield,	" 162 "
P.	Napoleon B. Johnson, of Milford,	" 16 "

S.	Frederick A. Nagler, of Springfield.	had	1	"
D.	Thomas C. Thacher, of Yarmouth,	"	43	"
	Blanks,		32	

## FOR AUDITOR.

S. L.	John H. Hagan, of Lynn,	had	2	votes.
S.	Joseph Orr, of Chicopee,	"	3	"
P.	Alfred E. Steele, of Northampton,	"	13	"
D.	Francois X. Tetrault, of Malden,	"	49	"
R.	Henry E. Turner, of Malden,	"	161	"
	Blanks,		30	

## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

S. L.	John A. Anderson, of Gardner,	had	1	votes.
S.	William J. Carroll, of Lowell,	"	5	"
P.	Henry M. Dean, of Hyde Park,	"	14	"
D.	John J. Flaherty, of Gloucester,	"	41	"
R.	Herbert Parker, of Lancaster,	"	170	"
	Blanks,		27	

## FOR COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

S.	Oscar C. Hulsman, of Malden,	had	7	votes.
D.	William J. McCluskey, of Lowell,	"	42	"
R.	Walter S. Watson, of Lowell,	"	165	"
	Blanks,		44	

## FOR SENATOR, SIXTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

R.	Chester W. Clark, of Wilmington,	had	172	votes.
D.	John P. Farley, of Lowell,	"	43	"
S.	Benjamin Staveley, of Tewksbury,	"	6	"
	Blanks,		37	

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, TWENTY-FOURTH  
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

R.	Julius K. Gates, of Ashby,	had	151	votes.
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D. Luther Gilman Robbins, of Pepperell, had 79 votes.  
Blanks, 28

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (MIDDLESEX COUNTY).

D. George R. Duren, of Carlisle, had 41 votes.  
R. Samuel O. Upham, of Waltham, " 160 "  
S. Charles W. Ussher, of Cambridge, " 7 "  
Blanks, 50

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY  
(MIDDLESEX COUNTY).

S. Emanuel Bernier, of Medford, had 6 votes.  
R. Samuel H. Folsom, of Winchester, " 160 "  
D. Frank J. Simonds, of Lowell, " 42 "  
Blanks, 50

REGISTER OF DEEDS (MIDDLESEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT).

R. Edwin O. Childs, of Newton, had 170 votes.  
S. Charles F. Drury, of Natick, " 16 "  
Blanks, 72

COUNTY TREASURER (MIDDLESEX COUNTY).

D. Joseph O. Authier, of Cambridge, had 42 votes.  
S. Charles G. F. Claus, of Malden, " 6 "  
R. Joseph O. Hayden, of Somerville, " 162 "  
Blanks, 48

Adjourned at 5 o'clock P. M.

G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*

## TOWNSEND, MASS., NOVEMBER 13, 1903.

The Town Clerks of Middlesex Representative District No. 24, comprising the towns of Ashby, Groton, Pepperell and Townsend, met this day at noon, in Townsend, and compared the transcripts of the votes cast in said District for Representative in the next General Court, and ascertained that Julius K. Gates, of Ashby, was elected Representative from said District.

The following is a complete list of all the votes cast in said District for Representative, the names of persons for whom votes were cast, the number of votes for each person, the number of blanks and the number of ballots cast in each town.

	Ashby.	Groton.	Pepperell.	Townsend.	Totals.
Julius K. Gates, of Ashby,	98	204	226	151	679
Luther G. Robbins, of Pepperell,	22	85	184	79	370
Total number of votes cast,	120	289	410	230	1049
Blanks,	7	28	25	28	88
Total number of ballots cast,	127	317	435	258	1137

WALTER J. SMITH,

*Town Clerk of Ashby.*

APPLETON H. TORREY,

*Town Clerk of Groton.*

PARKER J. KEMP,

*Town Clerk of Pepperell.*

GEORGE A. WILDER,

*Town Clerk of Townsend.*

A true copy.—Attest :

G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*

## MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of

NO.	DATE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
1	Jan. 14	Roscoe J. Binford. Hope Ida Dudley.	26 27	Philadelphia. Townsend.	Electrician. At home.	No. Conway, N.H. Valley Falls, R. I.
2	Jan. 26	John J. Caton. Agnes J. O'Brien.	36 24	Greenville. Townsend.	R. R. Agent. Telegraph op.	Keene, N. H. Townsend.
3	Feb. 4	Charles E. Munroe. Clara Lizzie Warner.	33 27	Beverley. Townsend.	Carpenter. At home.	Beverley. Townsend.
4	Feb. 18	Clarence H. Reynolds. Mary A. Harrington.	32 22	Mason, N. H. Townsend.	Farmer. At home.	Marblehead. Fitchburg.
5	Feb. 25	Michael E. Coffey. Georgie Nelson.	23 19	Townsend. Shirley.	Cooper. At home.	Ashby. Nova Scotia.
6	Mar. 3	Edward D. Lancey. Katherine E. Koch.	23 16	Brookline. Townsend.	Laborer. At home.	Brookline, N. H. New York.
7	Mar. 4	Warren Elmer Hinds. Edith Goddard Gray.	26 29	Townsend. Templeton.	Entomologist. Teacher.	Townsend. Templeton.
8	April 7	Charles Albert Longley. Nancy E. (Going.)*	68 54	Shirley. Townsend.	Broom man'f. At home.	Shirley. Townsend.
9	April 18	Charles Welch. Johanna (Anderson.)†	32 31	Townsend. Fitchburg.	Farmer. Housework.	Salem Dep't, N.H. Germany.
10	May 6	Clarence A. King. Mabel E. Fletcher.	22 22	Townsend. Pepperell.	Teamster. At home.	Townsend. Pepperell.
11	June 14	William S. Beckford. Daisy A. Bigelow.	32 19	Townsend. Ayer.	Salesman. At home.	Hampden, Me. Ayer.
12	June 16	Harry R. Morse. Lettie Mabel King.	28 19	Townsend. Townsend.	Laborer. At home.	Townsend. Hillsboro, N. H.
13	June 21	Everett B. Borneman. Annie L. Burt.	22 17	Townsend. Townsend.	Cooper. At home.	West Townsend. Unknown.
14	June 25	William J. Heffernan. Francis M. Welch.	28 32	E. Weymouth Townsend.	Shoe bus. At home.	Boston. Townsend.
15	June 30	Daniel H. Coffey. Catherine A. Connaghan	38 36	Townsend. Greenville.	Teamster. Housework.	Townsend. Ireland.
16	June 30	Benjamin E. Hodgman. Lavinia Kaddy.	24 21	Townsend. Townsend.	Carpenter. At home.	Townsend. Nova Scotia.

\*Nancy E. Lawrence.

†Johanna Nemetz.

## Townsend for the Year 1903.

NAMES OF PARENTS.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
Joseph L. and Lottie P. (Emerson.) William S. and Eleanor M. (Franklin.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Thomas R. and Nellie A. (Hardy.) Michael and Catherine (Quinn.)	Pepperell—Thomas I. Coghlan, Rector of St. John's Church.
Edward and Sarah A. (Mastin.) C. R. F. and Helen (Montgomery.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Charles and Lucy E. (Homan.) Daniel G. and Mary (Denver.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
John and Julia D. (Driscoll.) George and Ada (Harvey.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Ferdinand E. and Katherine H. (Robbins.) William and Elizabeth L. (Veno.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Warren D. and Mary P. (Colby.) S. D. P. and Susan E. (Knowlton.)	Templeton—G. B. Kambour, Minister of the Gospel.
Stephen M. and Mary F. (Gibson.) Eliab and Hannah (Warren.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Tom and Ida (Smith.) Nils and Margaret (Andt.)	Fitchburg—James H. Stobbs, Clergyman.
Abel W. and Estelle E. (Worden.) Timothy and Lizzie Jane (Taylor.)	Pepperell—J. Brainerd Thrall, Pastor Cong. Church.
William A. and Mary A. P. (Lowell.) Elson H. and Carrie (Beebe.)	Leominster—Laurence Phelps, Pastor Orthodox Cong. Church.
James and Jane A. (Dixon.) Abel W. and Estelle E. (Worden.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Jason and Cora (Sidelingar.) Unknown and Unknown.	Townsend—William Ferguson, Clergyman.
William and Janet (Ross.) Thomas H. and Nellie M. (Condon.)	Pepperell—Thomas I. Coghlan, Rector St. Joseph's Church.
John and Johanna (Custalow.) John O. and Catharine (Gallagher.)	Greenville, N. H.—T. J. E. Devoy, Clergyman.
Justin C. and Charlotte (White.) Robert D. and Rebecca (Seaborn.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.

## MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of

NO.	DATE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
17	July. 25	Irving A. Seaver. Lillia M. Adams.	32 23	Townsend. Sauk C't'r Min.	Farmer. At home.	Townsend. Minneapolis, Min
18	Aug. 9	Alton J. LaBrock. Elizzie M. (Deeth)*	24 33	Ashburnham. Ashburnham.	Chair maker. At home.	Westminster. E. Jaffrey, N. H.
19	Sept. 2	Edward A. Craig. Mary E. Cole.	47 44	Townsend. Cheshire.	Painter. At home.	Townsend. Chatfield, Min.
20	Oct. 12	Will F. Heberd. Nora Gertrude Guiney.	19 19	Townsend. Worcester.	Shoe maker. At home.	West Warren. Worcester.
21	Nov. 17	Frank Weston Ruth J. Thompson.	62 61	Townsend. Townsend.	Harness mak. At home.	Nashua, N. H. Manchester, N. H.
22	Dec. 1	Enos Swicker. Mabel Shupe.	29 27	Townsend. Townsend.	Laborer. Factory.	Middleton, N. S. Mills Village, N.S.
23	Dec. 2	Charles F. Powell. Georgena H. Corkum.	25 21	Townsend. Townsend.	Cooper. Housework.	Townsend. Lunenburg, N. S.
24	Dec. 23	Harry Alfred Frye. Eva B. Fessenden.	27 27	Leominster. Townsend.	Piano maker. At home.	Milford, N. H. Wilton, N. H.

\*Lizzie M. Mather.



Townsend for the Year 1903.—*Concluded.*

NAMES OF PARENTS.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
Henry O. and Sarah J. (Page.) Henry A. and Julia (Wheeler.)	Ashburnham—Nathan T. Dyer, Pastor First Cong. Church.
Frank and Harriet (Bery.) Chapman and ——— (Knowlton.)	Townsend—Maurice A. Levy, Minister of the Gospel (Medford.)
Edward and Mary J. (Carlton.) Isaac S. and Mary J. (Dunham.)	Cheshire—C. A. Burgess, Clergyman.
Oliver and Josephine (Gonyea.) Timothy and Bridget (McCarthy.)	Worcester—Henry Y. Simpson, J. P. and Ass't Cler., Central Dist. Court.
Charles L. and Caroline C. (Williams.) James and ——— (Mitchell.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Edward and Laurenia (Croft.) Joseph and Adelaide (McQuinn.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
William and Sarah A. (Parker.) Sylvanus and Rachel (Corkum.)	Townsend—B. A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Timothy H. and Mary (Cochran.) George C. and Laura A. (Shattuck.)	Mount Vernon N. H.—H. P. Peck, Clergyman.

## Births Registered in the Town of

No.	DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF FATHER.
1	Jan. 16	Hazel Irma Daniels.	Charles E. Daniels.
2	Feb. 12	Rachel Alice Thurber.	Albert G. Thurber.
3	Feb. 22	Bernice Elizabeth Woods.	Samuel D. Woods.
4	Mar. 3	Cora May Farrar.	James L. Farrar.
5	Mar. 5	Doris Thena Tenney.	George H. Tenney.
6	Apr. 10	Matilla Mataline Bush.	William Bush.
7	Apr. 12	Mary Louise Annie LeVesque.	Joseph LeVesque.
8	Apr. 16	Arthur L. Williams.	Walter E. Williams.
9	May 5	Annie May Phelps.	Bert Phelps.
10	May 9	Rodney Edward Swicker.	Stephen Swicker.
11	May 10		Louis Mason.
12	May 27	Christina E. Gilman.	Albert E. Gilman.
13	May 28	Marian Robbins.	Charles A. Robbins.
14	June 11	Evelyn Bumstead.	Albert H. Bumstead.
15	June 25	Myrtle Elizabeth Flagg.	Fred Flagg.
16	June 29	Edison Elmer Wyeth.	Elmer J. Wyeth.
17	July 16	Marshall Higgins.	Frank B. Higgins.
18	Aug. 12	Marcus L. Joseph LaFountain.	Clarence J. LaFountain.
19	Aug. 17	Harold Westley Gilchrest.	George R. Gilchrest.
20	Aug. 27	James Francis Flynn.	James Lawrence Flynn.
21	Sept. 5	(Stillborn.)	
22	Sept. 9	Albert Austin Parker.	Fred A. Parker.
23	Sept. 18	William Henry Green.	Patrick H. Green.
24	Oct. 5		Charles Fortier.
25	Oct. 11		Henry E. Buckley.
26	Oct. 17	Anthony Miller.	Morris Miller.
27	Oct. 17	Walter Edmund Prentice Davis	Fred W. Davis.
28	Oct. 29	George Albert Robbins.	Elmer E. Robbins.
29	Nov. 5	Ernest Filios Deverney.	George Deverney.
30	Nov. 6	Stanley Boutelle Fessenden.	Alfred N. Fessenden.
31	Nov. 9	John Thorpe.	Isaac W. Thorpe.
32	Nov. 19	(Illegitimate.)	
33	Dec. 1	Ernest Gregory.	George M. Gregory.
34	Dec. 4	Walter Wyman Jennerson.	George B. Jennerson.

## Townsend for the Year 1903.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER.	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER.
Addie F. Hadley.	Milling.	Vermont.	Fitchburg.
Catherine P. Darling.	Clerk.	Leominster.	Peterboro, N. H.
Elizabeth A. Burke.	Cooper.	Boston.	Lunenburg.
Mary E. O'Brien.	Livery.	Troy, N. H.	Townsend.
Ida M. Blodgett.	Salesman.	Townsend.	Baltimore, Md.
Abbie J. Wyeth.	Cooper.	Canada.	Townsend.
Ida LaFlamme.	Laborer.	Canada.	Manchester, N. H.
Lydia M. Coombs.	Farmer.	Milton.	St. Johns, N. B.
Julia Francis.	Laborer.	Canada.	Manchester, N. H.
Lena M. Corkum.	Lumbering.	Nova Scotia.	Nova Scotia.
Lydia Tatreau.	Laborer.	Canada.	Fitchburg.
Mabel L. Hodgman.	Milling.	Mason, N. H.	Brookline, N. H.
Rosabelle Wright.	Laborer.	Brookline, N. H.	Brookline, N. H.
Annie Sweeney.	Civil Eng.	Minneapolis, Min	Boston.
Jennie Oikle.	Laborer.	Townsend.	Nova Scotia.
Jennie E. Carruth.	Farmer.	Townsend.	Groton.
Margaret Bush.	Druggist.	Thorndike, Me.	Lewiston, Me.
Lovena Tatro.	Farmer.	Vermont.	Fitchburg.
Hattie E. Dustin.	Mill hand.	Fitchburg.	Townsend.
Martha A. Gleason.	Refiner.	Brighton.	Stamford, Conn.
Emma Felch.	Cooper.	Pepperell.	Westford.
Annie Wallace.	Laborer.	Ireland.	Ireland.
Norah S. Tatreault.	Laborer.	Taunton.	Fitchburg.
Johanna LaBounty.	Cooper.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Ellen Moran.	Laborer.	Mineville, N. Y.	Fisher Hill, N. Y.
Lura B. Taylor.	Farmer.	Ashby.	Ashby.
Eva B. Seaver.	Laborer.	Townsend.	Lunenburg.
Mary LeCaiyer.	Teamster.	Canada.	Canada.
Florence Merrill.	Manufact'r.	Townsend.	Illinois.
Hughena McLeod.	Miller.	Nova Scotia.	P. E. Island.
Mary D. McAvoy.	Farmer.	Nova Scotia.	Greywood, N. S.
Ardelle B. Wyman.	Cooper.	Townsend.	Townsend.

## DEATHS Registered in the Town of

No.	DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Y.	M.	D.	
1	Jan. 21	Ellen M. (Adams) Hinds.	55	1	7	Valvular Disease of heart.
2	Jan. 21	Alonzo Scales.	80	8	0	Old age with complications.
3	Feb. 3	Emily M. (Brown) Adams.	80	9	24	Apoplexy and Pneumonia.
4	Feb. 7	Eri Adams.	85	7	0	La Grippe and Pneumonia.
5	Feb. 12	Dorothy Stanley McNear.	1	1	19	Spina Bifidi: Hydrocephalus.
6	Feb. 16	Lucy (Spaulding) Ball.	91	1	6	Acute Bronchitis.
7	Mar. 30	Abby M. (Jones) Graham.	65	9	24	Scirrhus Carcinoma.
8	May 26	Christina E. Gilman.	0	0	1	Exhaustion.
9	July 8	Sumner Appleton.	51	0	7	Cancer of stomach.
10	July 11	Mary H. (Wright) Merriam.	82	11	15	Old age : Diarrhœa.
11	July 12	Adolph M. Leve.	72	6	12	Chronic Heart disease.
12	July 14	William E. Parker.	13	0	0	Diphtheria.
13	July 20	Frederick L. Parker.	10	5	8	Diphtheria.
14	Aug. 19	Julia (Driscoll) Coffey.	54	0	0	Cancer of stomach.
15	Sept. 5		—	—	—	Still born.
16	Sept. 15	Rodney Edward Swicker.	0	4	6	Acute Meningitis.
17	Sept. 23	Jonathan H. Elliott.	80	0	23	Cardiac Dropsy.
18	Sept. 24	Charles Vaughn.	66	0	0	Suicide by shooting.
19	Sept. 26	Amos W. Boardman.	88	2	8	Capillary Bronchitis.
20	Oct. 11		—	—	—	Still born.
21	Oct. 18	Mary Louise Miller.	2	10	20	Acute Bronchitis.
22	Oct. 19	Fiances (Holmes) Gilmore.	67	0	6	Carotive failure : Aenemia.
23	Oct. 25	Annie M. (Bennett) Tyler.	57	8	0	Angina Pectoris.
24	Oct. 26	Annie M. Phelps.	0	5	21	Marasmus.
25	Oct. 26	Ann Jane Powers.	78	2	18	Apoplexy : Paralysis.
26	Oct. 31	Johanna (Noonan) Buckley.	85	0	0	Infirmities of age.
27	Nov. 4	Anthony M. Miller.	0	0	18	Marasmus.
28	Nov. 10	Ralph R. Misner.	1	4	28	Croup.
29	Nov. 11	Diana (Sylvester) Dix.	84	8	7	Cancer of stomach.
30	Nov. 12	Laura L. Wyeth.	2	6	29	Ulcerativo stomatitis.
31	Nov. 14	Martha A. (Simonds) Parker.	63	0	5	Diabetes: Bilious vomiting.
32	Nov. 14	Walter E. Blood.	30	0	0	Suicide by shooting.
33	Nov. 18	Julia E. (Roberts) Storer.	73	7	19	Chronic Kidney trouble.
34	Nov. 21	William J. Smith.	78	9	20	Pneumonia.
35	Dec. 22	Paul. na P. (Powers) Bohanon	57	3	5	Apoplexy.



## Townsend for the Year 1903.

NAMES OF PARENTS.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF BURIAL.
Ezekiel and Susan (Fisher) Adams.	Franklin.	W. Medway.
Samuel and Lucy (Hildreth) Scales.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Benjamin S. and Clarissa W. (Tenney) Brown.	Fitchburg.	Townsend.
John and Mary (Russell) Adams.	Grafton, Vt.	Townsend.
Stanley B. and Nellie F. (Stanley) Mc Near.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Isaac and Lucy (Emery) Spaulding.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Jesse and Abigail (Laws) Jones.	Brookline, N. H.	Townsend.
Albert E. and Mabel L. (Hodgman) Gilman.	Townsend.	Mason, N. H.
Samuel C. and Jane (Atkins) Appleton.	Lynn.	Boston.
William and Mary (Flynn) Wright.	Mason, N. H.	Mason, N. H.
Moses and Charlotte (Lehr) Leve.	Ofornik, Prussia.	Townsend.
Levi T. and Flora L. (Keith) Parker.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Levi T. and Flora L. (Keith) Parker.	Townsend.	Townsend.
— and (Unknown) Driscoll.	Ireland.	Fitchburg.
Stephen J. and Lena M. (Corkum) Swicker.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Jonathan and Mary (Russell) Elliott.	Mason, N. H.	W. Townsend
Clark Rogers and Betsey (Corey) Vaughn.	Mystic, Canada.	Mystic, Can.
Unknown and Unknown.	Bridgewater.	Sharon, Vt
Morris and Ellen (Moran) Miller.	Fitchburg.	Townsend.
Stewart W. and Persis (Holmes) Holmes.	Bridgeton, Me.	Fitchburg.
James L. and Eliza T. (Hogdon) Bennett.	Newmarket N. H.	Marlboro.
Bert H. and Julia M. (Francis) Phelps.	Townsend.	W. Townsend
Varnum and Inda (Hodgeman) Powers.	Pepperell.	Townsend.
— and (Unknown) Noonan.	Ireland.	Pepperell.
Morris and Ellen (Moran) Miller.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Angus C. and Sophie A. (Corkum) Misner.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Caleb and Diadama (Shattuck) Sylvester.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Elmer J. and Jennie E. (Carruth) Wyeth.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Abner and Rebecca (Wallace) Simonds.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Lafayette and Eliza (Worcester) Blood.	Lunenburg.	Townsend.
William and Nancy (Hodgman) Roberts.	Ashby.	Mason, N. H.
Jonas and Emma (Brooks) Smith.	Brookline, N. H.	Townsend.
John Jackson and Priscilla (Reed) Powers.	Shirley.	Townsend.



## DEATHS.

REGISTERED BELOW ARE BODIES OF THOSE BROUGHT TO TOWNSEND  
FOR BURIAL.

NO.	MONTH.	NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.
1	January.	Charles S. Rice.	Boston.
2	February.	Melissa E. Simonds.	Boston.
3	May.	Hannah F. Haynes.	Pepperell.
4	May.	Lorenzo D. Phelps.	Boston.
5	June.	Elmina K. Spaulding.	Clinton.
6	July.	Charlotte A. Blodgett.	Tewksbury.
7	August.	Walter Messer.	Pepperell.
8	September.	Eben H. Taylor.	Westboro.
9	October.	Daniel L. Hart.	Weymouth.
10	November.	Susan Adams Davis.	Lakeport, N. H.
11	November.	Clarence B. Dustin.	Concord.
12	December.	John B. Spaulding.	N. Ipswich, N.H.
13	December.	Esther Spaulding.	Lancaster.

## REPORT ON DOG LICENSES.

Paid into the treasury of Middlesex county on account of dog licenses as per receipts of treasurer on file, \$298.80.

Number of dogs licensed,	146
Males,	134
Females,	12
Amount received for licenses,	\$328 00
Amount of fees (20 cents per license),	29 20
Paid county treasurer,	298 80
Refund of ninety-six per cent. on amount received from licenses issued in 1902,	289 15

G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*

## OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS.

A list of names of the owners or keepers of dogs who have paid a license for the year beginning May 1, 1903, and ending May 1, 1904 :

Anderson, Gustaf	Burt, A. E. (2)	Cook, Joel S.
Adams, R. B.	Boynton, H. B. (3)	Davis, E. T.
Arlin, Joseph (2),	Bowley, H. F.	Davis, M.
Allen, S. Austin	Barber, Vernal	Dudley, E. E.
Blood, Alice	Barnaby, Stephen	Dudley, E. M.
Blood, Moses	Borneman, Geo.	Dixon, E. J.
Ballou, G. A.	Brackett, E. R.	Dustin, John S.
Barber, A. D.	Bliss, E. D. (2)	Donovan Bros. (3)
Bliss, A. P.	Cook, S. R.	Davis, Fred W.
Bohanon, Chas.	Cook, Ellis R.	Eaton, F. B.
Brown, W. S.	Campbell, E. E.	Farrar, J. L.
Battles, O. A.	Conant, F. E.	Farrar, F. W.
Brown, J. S.	Cooper, A. D.	Fletcher, D. A.
Blood, A. P.	Coffey, Michael	Forbush, Guy J.

Farrar, W. D.	Morse, T. E.	Smith, T. J.
Farrar, S. M.	McDormond, C. T.	Spaulding, W. S.
Felch, F. P.	Morse, E. B.	Stickney, C. B.
Felch, C. D.	Moore, H. J.	Stearns, H. S.
Felch, H. C.	Mills, Wm.	Smith, C. W.
Gilman, A. E.	Nutting, J. M.	Tangley, Fred
Greene, H. F.	O'Brien, W. T.	Tenney, G. H. (2)
Gilchrest, E. M.	Pierce, Granville	Tenney, W. H.
Hagar, C. M.	Piper, F. J.	Tyler, Fred B.
Homer, C. S. (2)	Patch, Fred A. (2)	Tighe, P. H.
Hennecy, E. B.	Perry, A. D.	Tyler, A. K.
Hill, W. S.	Pippin, Peter	Upton, S. W.
Hatch, A. J.	Powell, Jennie E.	Upton, Wm.
Hazard, Josephine	Powell, Geo. (2)	Upton, E. W.
Heselton, W. F.	Piper, John J.	Vattes, John
Hubbard, Oscar A.	Powell, G. T.	Wilson, C. L.
Heberd, Oliver	Parker, B. W.	Warren, E. E.
Hale, W. F.	Proctor, C. M. (2)	Welch, T. H.
Johnson, C. W.	Parsons, F. D.	Weston, W. S.
King, James, Jr.	Parker, J. N.	Wright, H. C. (3)
Kendall, C. B.	Robbins, Chas. A.	Woods, Granville
King, C. A.	Richards, R. G.	Wilson, Geo.
Kemp, Warren	Richardson, G. B.	Wyman, E. L.
Kaddy, E. S.	Ripley, N. H.	Wyman, H. H.
Koch, Wm.	Simonds, R. B.	Weaver, S. A.
Laws, B. H.	Scales, Albert	Welch, J. F.
Lawrence, H. W.	Sherwin, I. P.	Woodward, Ray
Millér, Henry	Spofford, D. T.	Webster, W. W.
Moulton, C. E.	Shattuck, Mrs. H. B.	Welch, C. F.
Mudgett, O. B.	Spaulding, J. E.	Whitney, J. H.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF TOWNSEND

FOR THE

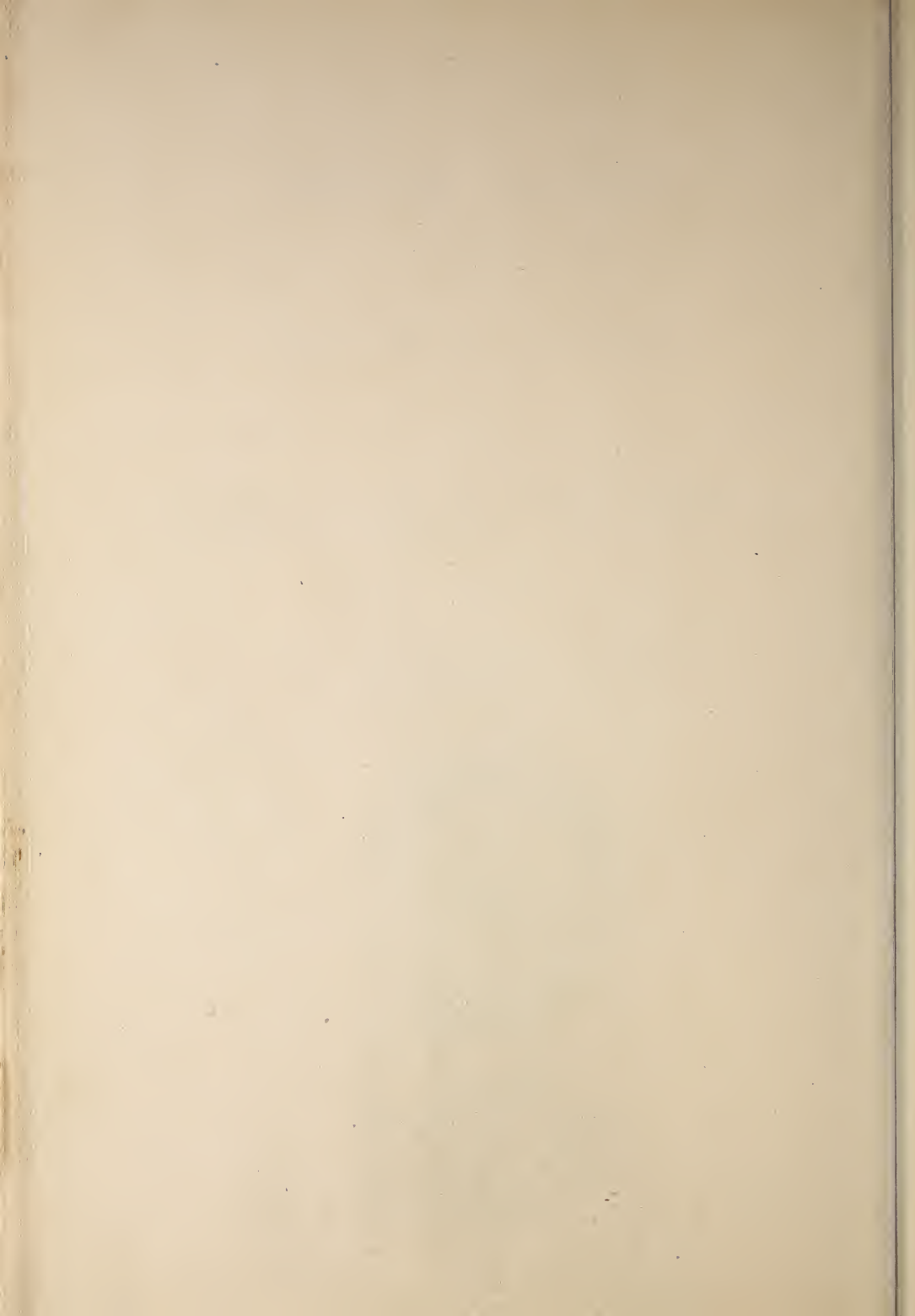
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.



TOWNSEND :

GEORGE A. WILDER, PRINTER.

1904.





## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

### CHAIRMAN.

J. W. EASTMAN, TOWNSEND, MASS.

### MEMBERS.

	Term Expires,		Term Expires.
F. M. WARREN,	1906.	ALEXANDER REED,	1905.
G. A. WILDER,	1906.	A. S. HOWARD,	1904.
C. F. WORCESTER,	1906.	MRS. F. A. PATCH,	1904.
J. W. EASTMAN,	1905.	G. L. WHITCOMB,	1904.
VERNAL BARBER,	1905.		

### SUB-COMMITTEES.

High School,	Eastman, Mrs. Patch, Worcester.
Center Grammar School,	Whitcomb, Warren.
"A" Intermediate School,	Howard, Wilder.
"B" Intermediate School,	Howard.
Center Primary School,	Eastman, Howard.
West Grammar School,	Mrs. Patch, Reed.
West Primary School,	Reed, Mrs. Patch.
Harbor School,	Whitcomb.
North End School,	Barber.
Music,	Wilder, Mrs. Patch, Warren.
Drawing,	Worcester, Eastman. Barber.
Transportation,	Reed, Wilder, Warren, Howard.
Repairs,	Reed, Whitcomb, Warren.

SECRETARY AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FAIRFIELD WHITNEY, TOWNSEND, MASS.

Office at Center school building.

Office hours, from 3.30 P. M. to 4.30 P. M. on Tuesday of each week that schools are in session.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

At 8.00 P. M. on the first Monday of each school month.

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

MISS EMMA H. HAYNES, OF PEPPERELL, MASS.

Visits on Thursdays. One-half hour in each school.

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

MISS ANN FOSKETT, 16 NORMAL ST., WORCESTER, MASS.

Visits on Wednesdays. One-half hour in each school.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

MICHAEL O'BRIEN, TOWNSEND.

F. A. PATCH, WEST TOWNSEND.

F. J. KNIGHT, TOWNSEND HARBOR.

JANITORS.

J. D. FINEGAN, TOWNSEND.

C. E. PATCH, WEST TOWNSEND.

STORM SIGNAL, 3-3.

7.00 A. M. at West and 7.30 A. M. at Center and Harbor,  
no school for the day.

11.30 A. M., one session in all schools.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR.

High school closes,	-	-	-	-	March 11, 1904.
All schools open,	-	-	-	-	March 21.
Holiday,	-	-	-	-	April 19.
Exercises at Memorial Hall,	-	-	-	-	May 27.
Holiday,	-	-	-	-	May 30.
Grade schools close,	-	-	-	-	June 10.
High school closes,	-	-	-	-	June 23.
Summer vacation.	-	-	-	-	Ten weeks.
All schools open,	-	-	-	-	September 6.
Thanksgiving recess,	-	-	-	-	Two days.
Christmas recess,	-	-	-	-	One week.
All schools open,	-	-	-	-	Jan. 2, 1905.
Holiday,	-	-	-	-	February 22.
Grade schools close,	-	-	-	-	February 24.
High school closes,	-	-	-	-	March 10.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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At a special meeting held Feb. 29 the following report of the superintendent was read and approved and it was voted that it be presented to the town as the report of the school committee.

FAIRFIELD WHITNEY, *Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

*To the School Committee of Townsend :*

This is my sixth annual report and marks a term of service here longer than the combined terms of all preceding superintendents since the system of district supervision first went into actual operation in September, 1893.

Schools have been in session according to the calendar published last year except that they were closed Nov. 9 for the convention at Ayer and on one other day to give the teachers an opportunity to either attend the county convention in Boston or visit other schools as they preferred. Most chose the former.

It is our custom to discuss the program of such conventions at the monthly teachers' meetings and when teachers have visited other schools they are required to report where they went, how long they remained in each school and what they learned that can be profitably adapted to their own work.

Aside from necessary attention to routine matters most of the time at these meetings has been given to regular lessons from "The Method of the Recitation". This plan of cooperative study has required both teachers and superintendent to do some regular reading in connection with their work and has helped to establish something of a common basis for discussion and criticism of the theory and practice of teaching.

There was an unusual number of changes in teachers during the summer vacation. The fall term opened with five new members of the force and there has been one change since. A change during the year from September to June is seldom necessary now that it has become the established policy to pledge all new teachers and those whose salaries are raised to stay the year out, provided conditions are satisfactory, and to require from all others a four weeks notice of any intention to resign.

With a little help from school funds the children of each elementary school have procured a silk flag of the United States for their room. They were especially aided in this by a generous contribution from members of the Townsend Memorial Association.

Mrs. Ellen R. Rowell has given the high school a set of "The Encyclopædia Britannica" comprising twenty-five volumes besides the "Guide to Systematic Readings", which accompanies it. Mr. T. E. Flarity has given a "New National Cyclopædia" and a "Scribner-Black Atlas of the World". In this acknowledgement of gifts and favors should be included the trip of the high school to the state house and Boston, suggested and made interesting by Rep. F. J. Knight, and also the entertainment furnished to the children in the elementary schools at the Center by Mr. G. A. Adams.

The repairs advocated in my last report were made with the money appropriated. In doing the work it was found advisable to sheathe the wall along the front stairways



instead of attempting to patch the plaster. The account was overdrawn for this purpose.

A new floor at the North End school house, snow guards for the roof of the Center building and the painting of blackboards at each of these places are the largest single items for repairs paid for from regular school funds. Snow sliding from the roof of the latter building has been a menace to the children there and it is fortunate that no one has ever been injured. The guards and labor cost thirty dollars. They have held the snow.

During the last six years there has been little change in the average membership and average attendance. The averages of the figures given in the several reports for this period are 258 in membership and 240 in attendance. The figures for this year are about 257 and 238 respectively. There has been a large decrease in the time lost by tardiness and dismissal. The loss for all reasons has been considerably less than the state average. Since September, 1903, teachers have been required to keep a record of the reason for each case of absence, tardiness and dismissal as far as they could find it out. The number of days lost from sickness and the number for other reasons during the first twenty-two weeks of this time will be found in one of the tables of statistics. On examining the records I found the excuses to be about as follows: 56 per cent. sickness; 8 per cent. the weather; 18 per cent. work; 8 per cent. visiting. Lack of clothing, laziness, some real or imaginary grievance and the inability of the teacher to learn the reason will account for most of the remaining 10 per cent.

It seems to the children unjust to mark them tardy when the team does not bring them on time but this is according to advice from the Sec. of the Board of Education. Of course such tardiness is not a misdemeanor. The purpose of the recent stringent rules given us for keeping the register is to show to just what extent the children are actually in school

and on time. The reason why they are not there is another matter.

The annual expenditure for school purposes has increased about \$1,000 since I began work. This increase is in these three items; care, fuel and conveyance of children. The increased cost in the first two items is largely due to the heating and ventilating at the Center required by state law. More than half the increase is for transportation. The town is now conveying nearly sixty children over eleven routes. The number per route has varied but is approximately as follows: Old City, 7; South Row, 4; Bayberry Hill East, 1; Bayberry Hill West, 7; Fitchburg Road, 5; Town Farm, 1; Caper Corner, 3; Harbor, 9; Wallace Hill, 11; Dixon, 5; Joslinville, 5. The last three teams are run in winter only. These pupils are distributed among the seven elementary village schools. One-third of them are in the Center grammar school, which is the only school having enough to particularly increase the work of the teacher. Two routes have been started this year because of new families in town and one winter route has been discontinued because it seemed to the committee that the children were old enough to walk the required mile. This matter of transportation is one of the difficult problems of school administration. The pay is not enough to cause any sharp competition for the contracts, there is a constant demand from some quarter for more pay or better facilities and the sub-committee having the matter in charge know that money used in this way is so much subtracted from funds needed for other school purposes. In spite of the increasing cost it still remains true that to maintain good schools in the different sections would cost double the sum paid for transportation. One-half of the increase referred to above has been appropriated by the town and the other half has come from increased tuition and further state aid.

During the last six years 52 pupils from this town have entered the high school and there have been 92 students

besides tuition scholars and post graduates. 34 have graduated, one will graduate next June and 37 have left the school. 10 left because they moved out of town and 27 because they were unable or unwilling to continue. 4 of these remained three years or more; 10, at least two years; 23 did less than two years work. Of the graduates 17 have already continued their education beyond the four years of high school and more are likely to do so. 5 have already graduated from higher institutions and 10 are still students therein. Two others have been taking additional work in the high school here. The average enrollment of the school has been over 37 or more than twelve per cent. of the total. The corresponding per cent. for the state is only 8.4. This favorable showing for the school is true in spite of the fact that, because of the establishment of a ninth grade, only one pupil entered in 1900. The tuition from out-of-town pupils is quite an item in the payment of expenses and those students are a help to the school in many other ways. Citizens certainly have reason to be gratified not only with the number but also with the character and attainments of the students and graduates. There has been considerable discussion in current periodicals concerning the comparative value of the training given in public and private schools. Pres. Elliot of Harvard University has made a comparison of the efficiency of about 700 persons who took examinations last June and his conclusion is "That so far as figures go they tend to prove that the product of the high school has more character and power of work than the product of the other schools."

The statement is sometimes made in my hearing that it is not worth while to send a child to the high school. This is doubtless true in certain cases but I seldom feel willing to affirm that A is worth it but B is not. It is also true that no young person should fail to equip himself with the best possible education, not that he may escape hard work but that he may work effectively and enjoy life. Massachusetts requires

each town to give its children the opportunity for a high school education, and the law specifies that the subjects taught shall be "For the general purpose of training and culture, as well as for the purpose of preparing pupils for admission to state normal schools, technical schools and colleges." Other states have gone beyond this and made the college or university a part of their public school system. One of the school journals has presented figures showing that the average earnings of high school graduates are double those of persons who did not go beyond the grammar school. The late Sec. Hill in an address that attracted wide attention a few years ago showed that the daily wealth producing power of each person in Massachusetts is almost one and three-fourths times the corresponding average for the United States and that the average schooling in this state exceeds the average in the whole country by almost the same rate. Figures based upon the records of 11,551 Americans who have distinguished themselves in various fields of labor show that more than 80 per cent. of them continued their education beyond the common schools.

Some children needlessly leave school every year, not realizing their mistake. In these days of free schools, free text-books and trained teachers the thing such children need is not money nor home tutoring that will help them over the hard places but a home influence and advice which will increase their faith in education and lead them to sacrifice present ease to future good.

I have no new suggestions to make but allow me to repeat and emphasize two that have been made before.

The improvements still needed in grounds and buildings will cost considerable money but the town should not cease to better its school equipment until all buildings have suitable heating, ventilating and sanitary arrangements and every room is made as comfortable and attractive as the high school room at the Center.



One of our difficulties in school work now is the arrangement to have five years of work done in the West grammar school. We can reduce the large number of classes by consolidation but usually with some detriment to the quality of the work done. Another is that at the Center grammar school there are nearly fifty children in three grades in charge of one teacher. This involves more work than one person can do well. Because there is only one member in the Senior class, the high school teachers have assisted in the work by taking nine recitations per week. With the full number of classes of their own next year this help cannot be given. Mr. Hefflon in his report points out the need of longer recitation periods for his pupils. The high school must meet the needs of two classes of pupils, those who wish to fit for college and those who desire to take studies that they think will be of more immediate benefit than the higher mathematics and languages required by the former. This double demand necessitates a large number of recitations and the only way for two teachers to do is to cut the time for each down to half the time given in better equipped schools.

If we can put the ninth grade into the high school, making the course there five years, and add another teacher it will lessen the difficulties and give us a high school of probably fifty pupils.

With a due appreciation of your continued interest and of the unanimity with which school appropriations have always been made I respectfully submit these needs of the children for your careful consideration.

FAIRFIELD WHITNEY.



## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

*Mr. Fairfield Whitney, Superintendent of Schools,*

DEAR SIR:—Upon taking charge of the music in September I found that the previous years of study had laid a good foundation upon which to build.

In order that the work may progress more rapidly and broaden in its influence, I suggest that one hour and a half a week be given to the study of music, the same as is given to the study in most city schools and that a new set of books be provided for rooms having three or four grades, each set to be used every other year. This plan provides fresh songs each year.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN FOSKETT.

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

*To the Superintendent of Schools :*

DEAR SIR:—The work in drawing has gone on steadily in the schools for the past year, with good results. There is no lack of interest among the children. The parents and friends who took pains to examine the work exhibited at the close of the last school year expressed themselves as much pleased with it.

It is not the making of artists nor even the production of fine drawing sheets, for which we work. The elementary art instruction given in our public schools should help to cultivate good taste, and should result in the ability to express ideas by drawing as well as by language, and in a cultivated eye that takes delight in beauty and refinement of form and color wherever found.

Drawing is a serious study and deserves a place in school courses because it offers such opportunities for discipline of the mind besides being a means of culture and refinement.

Very respectfully,

EMMA H. HAYNES.

### REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

*To the Superintendent of Schools,*

Dear Sir:—I present herewith my third annual report as principal of the Townsend High School.

The work of the school year of 1902-1903 closed June 18 with the graduation exercises of the senior class in Memorial Hall. The following program was presented:

#### PROGRAM

Selection,

ORCHESTRA.

Song,

SCHOOL.

Prayer,

REV. B. A. WILLMOTT.

Salutatory and Essay, "The Value of an Education,"

WILBUR H. SCALES.

Essay—Trusts,

PERLEY M. EASTMAN.

Class History and Will,

EMMA A. TARBELL.

Essay—"Industrial Arbitration,"

CHARLES S. DUDLEY.

Selection,

ORCHESTRA.

Prophecy,

FRANK VAN ETEN.

Essay—"Liquid Air,"

JASPER F. EASTMAN.

Valedictory and Essay—"Heroes and Heroism,"

GRACE L. SEAVER.

Presentation of Diplomas,

REV. B. A. WILLMOTT.

Selection,

ORCHESTRA.

Reception.

#### NAMES OF GRADUATES.

CHARLES SUMNER DUDLEY,	WILBUR HERMAN SCALES,
JASPER FAY EASTMAN,	GRACE LUCILE SEAVER,
PERLEY MONROE EASTMAN,	EMMA AGNES TARBELL,
FRANK VAN ETTEN.	

It is gratifying to note that nearly fifty per cent. of the class are continuing school work; Mr. Jasper Eastman at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Mr. Perley Eastman at the Townsend High School and Miss Grace Seaver at the Fitchburg Normal School.

Miss Florence B. Newton having resigned her position as assistant at the close of the spring term, Miss Mabel W. Winn, a graduate of Bates College, was elected to fill the vacancy and has proved a most diligent, painstaking and thoroughly conscientious teacher.

Our enrollment for the present year is twenty-nine; one senior, twelve juniors, five sophomores, nine freshmen and two post graduates.

There has been in the school a wholesome spirit of diligence and honest effort which we wish to commend most heartily. Our pupils are, with but few exceptions, good workers. Much of the credit for this spirit of work we believe is due to the cooperation of parents in securing home study. We hope that such cooperation may continue in the

future, for the importance cannot be too strongly emphasized. Our pupils are under our control five hours out of the twenty-four. Can we in that time hope to form in them habits of diligence and concentrated effort if our labors are not supplemented by parental authority during some portion of the other eight or ten waking hours of the day? We believe that parents are realizing more and more that the responsibility for the pupil's progress does not rest wholly upon the teacher, but in part upon themselves.

It may be well in this connection to speak of the purpose of the report cards which are sent to parents twice during each term and by means of which the parent keeps in touch with the child's progress. These cards specify the number of absences, tardinesses and dismissals and contain estimates of the pupil's rank in his several studies and in his conduct and industry. The amount of absence, tardiness and dismissal is taken from the register and is supposed to be correct. The rest is the teacher's estimate and may be wrong. It is impossible for a teacher to know exactly the content of a pupils mind. We can only estimate and our estimate is based on two things: first, the general impression made upon the teacher's mind by the pupil's daily recitation; second, the results of tests given on topics after they have been studied and discussed. The average of these two sets of evidence is taken as a fair estimate of the pupil's rank. When pupils have expressed dissatisfaction with our mark we have given them the choice between being marked on the evidence of test papers covering periods for which the cards are issued, all of which are preserved, and taking another test and being marked on that alone.

While we can most heartily commend the zeal and diligence of our pupils we are forced in frankness to confess that there is a serious lack in their ability to reason easily and clearly from given necessary conditions to correct conclusions. This defect we believe is due not so much to the pupil's lack

of effort, as to short-cut methods in teaching forced upon teachers because of the great number of studies taught and short recitation periods. We have not time to properly develop thought and lead our pupils to reason out their own methods and processes. Let me illustrate. Suppose I wish my pupils to learn the process of computing interest by the six per cent. method, I can refer them to the book where the author has reasoned out the process and made a statement of it in a rule or I can do without the book and lead the child to reason out his own process and make his own rule. The former method sets the pupil to working examples in interest in short order, but has not given his reasoning faculty a particle of exercise. The latter method takes a long time, skillful questioning and careful preparation by the teacher but when the rule is obtained it belongs to the pupil and is his forever, for he made it.

Therefore, to overcome in our pupils what is becoming a serious defect, we would earnestly recommend a lengthening of the recitation periods in the high and grammar grades in order that mathematics, history and the sciences may be taught by the development method rather than exclusively from books.

Another essential to proper instruction is suitable laboratory equipment. It may readily be seen that if the development method is to be used in teaching the sciences, it must require much experimentation. To perform experiments and discuss results requires time and apparatus. But I will not dwell on this point, for it seems to me self-evident and was sufficiently discussed in my last year's report.

In closing this report, I wish to make grateful recognition of the many marks of kindness shown me by the superintendent, school committee, parents and pupils.

JOSEPH H. HEFFLON.



## FROM THE SCHOOL CENSUS FOR SEPTEMBER 1.

	1902	1903
Boys between the ages of five and fifteen,	114	118
Girls between the ages of five and fifteen,	125	136
Boys between the ages of seven and fourteen,	81	78
Girls between the ages of seven and fourteen,	94	95
Illiterate minors over fourteen years of age,	none	none

## REPORTS OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

*To the Superintendent of Schools :*

I have made eight calls during the past year. Sickness, lack of clothing and the refusal of the school committee to send a team to the door have been given as reasons for failure to send children to school. The first is the only excuse I have accepted as sufficient. In other cases the children have been sent. One truant was brought to school.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL O'BRIEN.

*To the Superintendent of Schools :*

I have investigated three cases this year. One child was sick. In the other two cases the children were sent after I called.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Patch.

STATISTICS FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 1903 TO FEBRUARY 26, 1904.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Days lost in 22 weeks from sickness.	Days lost in 22 weeks for other reasons.
High,	J. H. Hefflon, Prin.,	A-B-C-D	29	26.84	25.71	95.79	65	43
Center Grammar,	Mabel W. Winn, Asst.,	7-8-9	54	49.89	47.15	94.51	120	123
Intermediate "A",	Lucy E. Loring,	5-6	24	24.67	22.42	90.88	80	87
Intermediate "B",	Clara A. Craig,	2-3	37	35.76	31.76	88.82	235.5	178.5
Center Primary,	Lena E. Sewall,	1-2	37	32.45	28.82	88.81	213	174
West Grammar,	Martha E. Harrington,	5-6-7-8	31	25.72	23.5	91.31	126.5	58.5
West Primary,	Wilda L. Vose,	1-2-3-4	40	29.54	24.81	83.99	256	216.5
Harbor,	Lucy H. Brooks,	1-2-3-4-5-6	26	22.42	20.13	89.79	160	115
North End,	Augusta Hill,	1-2-3-4-5-8	15	14.33	13.86	96.72	10.5	21
	Annie R. Copeland,							
	Totals,		293	261.62	238.21	91.05	1266.5	1016.5

# SCHOOL STATISTICS FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 1902 TO JUNE 19, 1903.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Total number enrolled.		Average Membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Pupils over 15 years.	Pupils between 7 and 14 years.	Number of instances of tardiness.	Number of dismissals.	Time lost by tardiness and dismissal.		Number of days of absence.	Not absent tardy or dismissed		
		Boys	Girls								Hrs.	Min.		Fall.	Winter.	Spring.
High, Center Grammar, Intermediate "A", Intermediate "B", Center Primary, West Grammar, West Primary, Harbor, North End,	J. H. Hefflon, Prin., Florence B. Newton, Asst., Ena A. Maxin, Clara A. Craig, Marion S. Howe, Martha E. Harrington, Wilda L. Vose, Marie L. Leach, Lucy H. Brooks, Annie R. Copeland,	20	19	32.87	31.15	94.76	30	1	59	28	55	40	356	12	11	10
		17	25	38.87	36.97	95.09	1	42	39	22	16	40	388.5	15	8	11
		24	17	39.79	36.78	92.38	1	40	26	9	6	3	508	6	6	11
		15	18	29.41	26.67	90.67		32	64	10	10	28	464.5	3	5	2
		19	21	34.59	31.61	91.39		12	104	12	15	58	509.5	11	3	5
		16	13	25.83	23.36	90.49	5	21	25	30	18	15	398	4	1	3
		8	14	22.73	20.67	90.86		22	63	12	12	20	375.5	2	1	4
		13	8	20.08	18.30	92.05		17	46	16	20	38	263.5	5	2	7
		7	7	12.57	12.06	98.03	1	10	10	8	13	15	67.5	6	3	4
	Totals, 1902-1903.	139	142	256.74	237.57	92.53	37	197	436	147	169	17	3331	64	40	57

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

## TEACHERS' SALARY FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Appropriation,	\$3,500.00	
From Superintendency Fund,	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,800.00

## PAID.

Teachers' wages,	\$3,800.00
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## SUPERINTENDENCY FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Balance from last year,	\$360.00	
Appropriation,	450.00	
From the state,	750.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,560.00

## PAID.

Transferred to Teachers' Salary Fund,	\$300.00	
Fairfield Whitney, salary,	900.00	
Balance to be paid superintendent on or before July 1, 1904,	360.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,560.00

## MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Balance from last year,	\$31.20	
Income, Jan. 25, 1904,	622.39	
	<hr/>	\$653.59

## PAID.

Support of schools,	\$433.65	
Balance on hand,	219.94	
	<hr/>	\$653.59

## INCIDENTALS FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Balance in Townsend National Bank,	\$12.07
Appropriation,	2,000.00
State, tuition of resident wards,	98.32
Boston, tuition of resident wards,	214.92
High school pupils, tuition,	93.50
Supplies sold,	14.50
Use of Seminary Hall,	28.55
North Star Lodge, rent, fuel, janitor, etc.,	90.00
	<hr/> \$2,551.86

## PAID.

Support of schools and repairs,	\$2,481.83
Seminary hall, care and supplies,	20.03
Odd Fellows' hall, fuel, janitor, etc.,	50.00
	<hr/> \$2,551.86

## SUMMARY.

## RECEIVED.

Balance Superintendency fund,	\$360.00
Balance Massachusetts School fund,	31.20
Balance Incidentals Fund,	12.07
Appropriations, town,	5,950.00
State and Massachusetts School Fund,	1,470.71
Boston and other sources,	441.47
	<hr/> \$8,265.45

## PAID.

Teachers' wages,	\$4,172.50
Superintendent,	900.00
Truant officers,	5.00
Books and supplies,	294.37



## Repairs :

West,	\$6.59
Center,	66.97
Harbor,	4.50
North End,	29.05
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	\$107.11

## Care and cleaning :

West,	\$92.35
Center,	334.50
Harbor,	18.00
North End,	7.00
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	\$451.85

## Fuel :

West,	\$65.50
Center,	352.17
Harbor,	17.03
North End,	18.00
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	\$452.70

## Transportation :

Old City and South Row,	\$335.00
Caper Corner,	104.25
Dixon,	28.00
Harbor,	214.00
Town Farm,	47.00
Bayberry Hill East,	35.00
Bayberry Hill West,	181.70
Joslinville,	30.25
Wallace Hill,	112.00
Fitchburg Road,	86.75
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	\$1,173.95

## Sundries :

Center grounds,	\$7.30	
Balance on flags,	1.70	
Graduation expenses, high school,	23.05	
Postage and telephone,	7.98	
R. R. fares,	2.72	
Printing and stationery,	15.25	
	<hr/>	\$58.00

## Seminary Hall :

Care and supplies,	\$20.03	
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## Odd Fellows' Hall :

Fuel,	\$25.00	
Janitor service, etc.,	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$70.03

## Balances :

Superintendency Fund,	\$360.00	
Massachusetts School Fund,	219.94	
	<hr/>	\$579.94    \$8,265.45

## SPECIAL REPAIR FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Appropriation,	\$200.00	
Overdrawn,	24.64	
	<hr/>	\$224.64

## PAID.

Charles Fuller, labor and materials,	\$74.00	
F. A. Barker, labor and materials,	4.10	
F. L. Spring, labor and materials,	146.54	
	<hr/>	\$224.64

## COST OF SCHOOLS.

Support and repairs,	\$7,825.62
Net income used, other than taxation,	\$ 1,638.91
Cost of repairs,	331.75
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	\$1,970.66
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Taxation cost for support of schools,	\$ 5,854.96

I have examined the above report and found it correct.

HENRY A. HILL, *Auditor.*

Townsend, Mass., March 8, 1904.

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

OLIVER PROCTOR, BENJ. A. WILLMOTT,  
EVELYN L. WARREN.

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At the begining of the present year Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren was elected librarian, the trustees gave her a years leave of absence and Miss Annie S. Begg was chosen substitute librarian, with Mrs. T. James Harvey as assistant on Saturday afternoons. Miss Alice V. Seaver was, at the same time elected to have charge of the delivery station at West Townsend. Mrs. Chas. S. Homer has continued to generously support this part of our library work. Mr. Lawrence provides in his store a place for the exchange of books.

Each year sees an increased use of our library—not only for recreation but for reference and study, with this use comes greater wear upon the books—many needing to be replaced because of worn and soiled condition.

Our present method of cataloguing and classification while meeting the library's need when introduced ten years ago, fails to do this at the present time.

We would recommend a card index catalogue elastic and capable of being kept up to date, and would ask the town for an appropriation of not less than \$200.00 to used for this purpose.

During the past year electricity has been introduced for lighting purposes, and a much needed work table has been provided for the use of the librarian.

There are those who from year to year generously aid us in our work, and to all who have shown this public spirited interest we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN L. WARREN, *Sec'y of Board of Trustees.*

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### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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The statistical report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1904, is as follows :

#### ADDITIONS.

Number of books as given in library at beginning of fiscal year,	4,325
Number added by purchase,	128
Number added by gift,	81
Number added by binding magazines,	14
Total additions for the year,	—223
	<hr/> 4,548

#### WITHDRAWALS.

Number of books lost,	2
Number of volumes in library at present time,	<hr/> 4,546

The circulation for the year has been 8,505 ; of this number 3,015 have been sent to West Townsend, showing an increase of 170 over that of last year. The largest circulation



for any month was 1002, in March, 1903; the smallest for any month was 439 in August. The largest circulation for any day was 216 for February 13.

There have been purchased for the reading table the following magazines: Atlantic, Contemporary Review, Harper's The Indian's Friend, Ladies' Home Journal, Literary Digest, McClure's, New England, Public Libraries, Puck, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, St. Nicholas, Success and Youth's Companion. Friends and publishers have contributed Donahoe's, Life and Light for Women, The Woman's Journal and The Fitchburg Daily Sentinel. Bulletins from Hatch Experiment Station and Cornell University Agricultural Station can be found on the reading table.

A topographical map of Massachusetts has been purchased and hung in the reading room.

Two sets of pictures have been loaned the library by the Woman's Educational Association of Boston.

The library has received from Rev. Samuel S. Spear of Wareham, Mass., a valuable collection of religious histories and books of reference, and from Mrs. S. S. Haynes five books belonging to the early Library Association. Several volumes of reports have also been received from the State House, Boston, and from Washington.

It is very gratifying to note the continual interest of the pupils of the public schools in the use of books in relation to their studies. The members of the Grange in pursuance of their work have also consulted the library with much satisfaction.

The courtesy of the patrons in relation to the librarian has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE S. BEGG, *Substitute Librarian.*

# REPORT OF TREASURER OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

## DR.

Cash on hand March 1, 1903,	\$28 17
Received amount of dog license,	289 15
Of Mrs. C. S. Homer, for free delivery of books at West Townsend,	25 00
For books and supplies bought through the library,	6 69
Received from fines catalogues, etc.,	22 18
Found and unclaimed,	2 00
Received from public school for binding books,	7 00
Interest on Charles Emery Fund,	20 20
	<hr/> \$400 39

## CR.

Paid Salary of Miss Alice V. Seaver,	\$20 00
Salary of Miss Annie Begg,	100 00
Salary of Mrs. T. J. Harvey, for assisting on Saturday afternoons,	11 75
Date stamp,	83
J. D. Finegan, for cleaning books,	1 00
Supplies from Library Bureau,	4 65
R. H. White, for books,	128 26
Map of Massachusetts,	2 25
Albert Kilbourn, for book,	2 75
F. J. Barnard, for books,	4 00
T. J. Harvey, for magazines for reading table,	33 14
Library Bureau, for books,	6 50
Lyon & Co., for books,	5 00

F. J. Barnard & Co., for binding books and magazines,	26 44	
For helping with trunk from West Townsend,	4 45	
Subscription to "Indian Friend,"	30	
Freight and express,	5 30	
Postage,	1 27	
Incidentals,	1 72	
Stolen from the library,	1 19	
Cash on hand March 1, 1904,	39 59	
	<hr/>	\$400 39
Amount of Charles Emery Fund,		\$500 00

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN A. WILLMOTT, *Treasurer.*

# NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT TOWNSEND CENTER.

1903.		RECEIPTS.	
March 1.	Cash balance from 1902,	\$	34
April 18.	Balance from town treasurer, due from 1902,		206 26
May 23.	Fertilizer sold,		1 90
June 5.	W. S. Brown, repairing lot,		8 73
17.	Mrs. L. Emerson, for grading lot,	10	25
	Mrs. L. Emerson, for deed of lot,	1	50
	S. B. McNear, for deed of lot,	1	50
	Mrs. A. Spaulding, care of lot, 1902,	1	00
	Fred Jefts. deed of lot,	1	50
July 24.	A. C. Josselyn, Treas.,	75	70
Sept. 1.	Mrs. L. Emerson, seeding lot,	2	43
	J. P. Hildreth, repairing lot,		50
16.	W. S. Brown, repairing lot,	2	28
	Care of individual lots,	2	05
17.	S. Swicker, deed of lot,	1	00
Oct. 3.	A. C. Josselyn, treas.,	45	89
	Care of individual lots,	13	48
	Lot markers sold,	7	42
	Fred Palfreyman, deed of lot,	1	00

Oct.	3.	Abbie Green, deed of lot,	1 00
		Amos Benner, deed of lot,	1 00
		A. C. Misner, deed of lot,	1 00

1904.

Jan.	26.	Care of individual lots,	32 65
Feb.	25.	Care of individual lots,	5 50

Total receipts at Townsend Center, \$425 88

1903.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

April	18.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, $6\frac{3}{4}$ days,	10 13
	23.	Rufus T. Brown:	
		Labor, 4 days,	6 00
		2 bushels fertilizer,	40
			<hr/> 6 40
	28.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	8 25
		Clarence Stickney, 4 bags fertilizer,	7 60
	29.	A. D. Turner, labor, 21 hours,	3 15
May	2.	Donovan Bros., labor with team	
		grading avenue,	5 50
		R. T. Brown, labor, 5 days, 6 hours,	8 40
	9.	S. J. Stearns, labor with team	
		carting leaves,	4 50
		R. T. Brown, labor, 4 days,	6 00
	11.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 7 d'ys, 6 h'rs,	11 27
	16.	R. T. Brown, labor, May 4 to May 9,	6 90
	19.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, May 11 to	
		May 16,	8 95
	23.	R. T. Brown, labor, 6 days,	9 00
June	2.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, $10\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15 75
	6.	R. T. Brown:	
		Labor, 5 days,	7 50
	13.	Labor, 7 days, 3 hours,	10 95
			<hr/> 18 45



15. J. P. Hildreth :		
	Labor,	11 05
	Cash paid S. J. Stearns,	1 50
	Paid B. & A. D. Fessenden,	
	for sand,	55
		<hr/> 13 10
23. A. F. Stickney & Son, surveying		
	and staking lots,	15 50
29. R. T. Brown, labor, 3 days, 1 hour,		4 65
July 6.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 10 days,	15 00
	G. A. Wilder, recording deeds,	1 50
21.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 9 days, 3 h'rs,	13 95
	J. F. Brown, resetting and repair-	
	ing stones,	6 00
Aug. 4.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 8 d's, 5½ h'rs,	12 83
	5. J. E. Aspinwall, labor, 26 hours,	3 90
	6. G. E. VanEtten, freight on markers,	87
	15. W. J. Baxter, labor, 4½ days,	6 75
	18. J. P. Hildreth, labor, 10 days,	15 00
19. R. T. Brown :		
	Labor, ½ day,	75
	Fertilizer,	60
24. Labor. 4 days, 3 hours,		6 45
		<hr/> 7 80
	G. E. VanEtten, freight on markers,	97
31. R. T. Brown, labor, 4 days,		6 00
	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 8 days,	12 00
Sept. 1.	G. H. Brown, labor, grading avenue,	1 50
	10. S. J. Stearns, labor, with team,	
	8 hours,	2 00
	15. R. T. Brown, labor, ½ day,	75
19. J. P. Hildreth :		
	Labor, 7 days,	10 50
26. Labor, 3 days, 3½ hours,		5 00
		<hr/> 15 50

Sept. 28.	L. C. Jefts, labor, 1 day,	\$1 50
Oct. 6.	A. E. Burt, repairing pump,	87
	7. S. J. Stearns, drawing loam,	56
	8. Albright & Lightcap, 43 markers,	6 45
	M. B. Mishler :	
	50 3 in. markers,	4 00
	1 Auger,	2 00
		<hr/> 6 00
Nov. 2.	E. R. Cook, pumping, 41½ hours,	8 30
1904.		
Feb. 26.	B. & A. D. Fessenden :	
	50 chestnut stakes,	1 00
	1 gal. oil,	55
	400 lbs. chem. fertilizer,	8 00
	Engine oil,	23
		<hr/> 9 78
	H. B. Hildreth :	
	50 envelopes,	1 06
	Paper,	8
		<hr/> 1 14
	C. E. Patch, bills at W. Townsend,	14 50
Total disbursements at Townsend Center,		<hr/> \$355 92

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT WEST TOWNSEND.

### RECEIPTS.

1903.		
Received from H. B. Hildreth, Cem. Fund,	\$14 50	
For grass sold,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 50

1903.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
May 11.	Simon Francis, labor, 1 day,	\$1 50	
	C. E. Patch, labor with team,	2 50	
Aug. 15.	Wm. Dean, labor, 6 days,	9 00	
	N. A. Spencer & Son, resetting 10 head stones,	3 50	
		<hr/>	\$16 50

## SUMMARY.

Receipts at Townsend Center,	\$425 88	
Receipts at West Townsend,	16 50	
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Total receipts,		\$442 38
Disbursements at Townsend Center,	\$355 92	
Disbursements at West Townsend,	16 50	
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Total disbursements for the year 1903,	\$372 42	
Cash balance,	69 96	
	<hr/>	\$442 39
March 1. Balance of Cemetery Fund due Commissioners from Treas.		\$178 47
Respectfully submitted,		

H. B. HILDRETH,  
C. E. PATCH,  
G. A. WILDER,  
*Cemetery Commissioners.*

Examined and found correct.

WM. H. LANG, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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*To the Board of Selectmen,*

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor of submitting the following report of the condition and work of the Fire Department for the year ending March 1, 1904.

The past year has been a very expensive one for the Department in many ways. Early in the season there were severe forest fires which kept the Department on the move continually for several days. June 1st and 2nd three fires in the same buildings within twenty-four hours, calling the Department out three times, is probably the record for this town and we hope it will never be duplicated.

The extremely cold weather made it necessary to keep the Engine House at West Townsend warm, so that the apparatus would be in condition to use if called out. There was no appropriation for this purpose, but the board decided it was policy to do this and the expenditure was made.

At the special town meeting held June 4, 1903, \$400.00 were appropriated to be expended in repairing Eclipse Hand Engine. The work was done by Mr. F. A. Greenleaf of the board of engineers, on plans and specifications drawn by Mr. F. S. Bean of the Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine Works, one of the most expert authorities on steam and hand engines in the country. After carefully examining the size of the waterways, Mr. Bean decided to put on 9 inch pumps instead of the  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inch which were on the engine. This has increased the capacity one third, which for fire purposes is very desirable.

Other important changes were made and the board feels that the engine is now in good serviceable condition, and with proper care is good for a long term of service. The first real test of the engine came at the fire Feb. 11th last, when with the mercury 13 degrees below zero, and after the necessarily long time required to draw the engine by hand to the tub shop, it worked splendidly for three hours without a slip. The board feels gratified at the many compliments given the engine for the work done at this fire. For expense of this work see Fire Department expenses.

At the last annual town meeting it was voted to raise a sum of money sufficient to purchase 18 fire hats for the Steamer Co. In considering this matter the board by a unanimous vote decided that this was an expense which would not increase the efficiency of the department and that conditions in this town did not warrant the expenditure of the money raised for that purpose.

Several new fire extinguishers were purchased and have been used with telling effect at brush fires.

1500 feet of new hose should be purchased for the use of the department, as much of that now in use is in pretty bad condition.

The board will ask for an increase in the appropriation for incidental expenses, so that the janitor may be paid for care of the engine house at West Townsend, and also purchase coal for same.

Fires have occurred as follows :

March 9. About 8 P. M., Townsend Drug Co., on Main St., Building owned by A. D. Fessenden. Caused by oil stove. Loss partial. Insured.

April 29. Brush fire on Dixon Hill. Several hundred acres burned over. This fire raged for three or four days during a very high wind and was the most obstinate brush fire that has occurred in town for years. Cause unknown.



May 10. Several members of the Steamer Co. were called to a brush fire on Worcester's land, near Fitchburg road. The damage was slight.

May 14. The house and barn owned by Granville Wood, on Bayberry Hill, and occupied by George Jennerson, were totally destroyed. No-insurance. Cause, spark from chimney.

May 25. Brush fire near Poor Farm crossing. Cause, probably spark from locomotive. Damage slight.

May 25. Brush fire, Wallace Hill. Damage slight.

May 26. Brush fire near Poor Farm crossing. Damage slight.

June 1. 10:15 A. M., alarm given for fire in barn occupied by A. E. Burt and owned by U. S. Adams. Extinguished before gaining headway. No damage.

June 1. 3:15 P. M., another alarm given for fire in same buildings as above. Fire discovered and extinguished before any damage was done. Cause undoubtedly incendiary.

June 2. For the third time within twenty-four hours the department was called to this place to extinguish a fire. On the two former occasions the fire was discovered about the time it was started, but on this occasion it was under good headway before the alarm was given; the department responded quickly, but the barn and ell of the house were destroyed and the main part badly damaged. Each of these three fires started in the barn and without doubt, were of incendiary origin.

June 6. Brush fire at West Townsend on William Richards' land. Cause unknown.

August 18. Chimney fire at Townsend Harbor, in house owned by Martha Fairbanks and occupied by W. Dickson. No damage.

Nov. 1. Brush fire on Emery lot, South Row. Several acres burned over. Damage unknown.

Nov. 25. Chimney fire in Larkin House, Main Street, Townsend Center. No damage.

Dec. 11. Chimney fire in Larkin House, Townsend Center. No damage.

Feb. 11, 1904. Three dry kilns at the tub shop West Townsend. Total loss. No insurance. Cause overheated furnace.

The following is the roster of the department :

#### BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

T. E. FLARITY, CHIEF.

A. N. FESSENDEN, CLERK AND TREASURER.

J. F. THOMPSON,

F. A. GREENLEAF,

C. T. McDORMOND,

F. J. KNIGHT.

#### SQUANICOOK STEAMER CO., NO. 1, TOWNSEND CENTER.

C. E. Gates,

Foreman.

C. A. Wright,

First Assistant.

H. C. Felch,

Second Assistant.

G. T. Powell,

Clerk.

G. L. Eastman,

Treasurer.

A. H. Richards,

Steward.

F. A. Parker,

S. D. Wood.

H. E. Buckley,

A. D. Bliss.

G. A. Ducharme,

W. F. Arlin.

D. F. Markham,

E. R. Cook, Engineer.

#### ECLIPSE ENGINE CO., NO. 2, WEST TOWNSEND.

W. H. Mills,

Foreman.

F. W. Davis,

First Assistant.

F. D. Parsons.

Second Assistant.

C. B. Stickney,

Clerk and Treasurer.

D. H. Coffey,  
 E. T. Davis,  
 H. Hodgman,  
 B. Hodgman,  
 C. Hodgman,  
 F. G. Hamilton,  
 A. Jodrey,  
 E. S. Kaddy,  
 A. J. Manchester,  
 J. Manchester,  
 O. T. Manning,  
 C. T. McDormond,  
 E. K. Marshall,  
 J. M. Nutting,  
 E. F. Patch,  
 C. E. Patch,  
 E. D. Whiting,  
 W. W. Webster,

C. Robbins.  
 D. Robbins.  
 C. Russell.  
 G. Richardson.  
 I. P. Sherwin.  
 A. Sherwin.  
 G. M. Streeter.  
 B. Seaborn.  
 R. B. Simonds.  
 A. S. Thayer.  
 J. F. Thompson.  
 G. F. Upton.  
 M. C. Welch.  
 L. A. Welch.  
 G. Welch.  
 J. Welch.  
 E. G. Wilson.  
 G. Wyman.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. FLARITY, *Chief Engineer.*

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## REPORT OF

# JANITOR OF MEMORIAL HALL.

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TOWNSEND, MASS., March 1, 1904.

Received for rent of Memorial Hall from March	
1, 1903 to March 1, 1904,	\$117 00

Paid A. C. Josselyn, Town Treasurer,	\$117 00
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JOHN D. FINEGAN, *Janitor.*

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

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Paid C. M. Proctor, team,	\$ 35	
R. McElligott, trimming trees,	5 45	
H. H. Wyman, cutting brush,	8 25	
J. S. Cook, cutting brush,	34 50	
J. M. Campbell, cutting brush,	2 00	
J. C. Hodgman, cutting brush,	75	
	<hr/>	\$51 30

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL S. COOK, *Tree Warden.*

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

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*To the Board of Selectmen :*

Number of cattle found diseased, and killed by the order of the Cattle Bureau, one cow.

There has been one case of Glanders; the horse was killed.

JOHN N. GOING, *Inspector.*

# REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.

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*To the Board of Selectmen,*

GENTLEMEN :—I beg leave to make the following report as Chief of Police for the year ending March 1, 1904.

The criminal docket of the first District Court of Northern Middlesex shows the following cases brought before the court from the Town of Townsend from March 1, 1903 to March 1, 1904.

Larceny,	2
Liquor nuisance,	2
Search warrants for Intoxicating Liquors,	3
Assault and Battery,	2
Assault and carnally knowing a female child,	1

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL O'BRIEN, *Chief.*

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## LIGHTING STREETS.

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### TOWNSEND HARBOR.

Appropriation,	\$75 00
Unexpended balance,	15 17
Overdrawn,	15 1
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	\$91 68



## SUPPLIES.

A. C. Josselyn,	\$8 45	
L. Morgan,	17 74	
	<hr/>	\$26 19

## REPAIRS.

E. C. Nichols,	\$3 25	
D. A. Fletcher,	1 00	
Joseph Bennett,	60	
B. H. Savage,	50	
	<hr/>	\$5 35

## LIGHTING.

O. S. Ball,	\$60 14	
	<hr/>	\$91 68

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. KNIGHT.

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REPORT ON CARE OF STREET LAMPS AT  
TOWNSEND CENTER.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
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## SUPPLIES.

W. D. Osgood,	\$12 53	
H. J. Miller,	8 16	
C. W. Hildreth,	6 04	
H. F. Green,	6 97	
National Ex. Co.	3 95	
G. A. Adams,	6 53	
	<hr/>	\$44 18

## TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

## REPAIRS.

A. H. Richards,	\$	50	
A. E. Burt,		10	
		<hr/>	\$ 60

## LIGHTING.

Robert F. O'Brien,	\$76 38	
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	\$121 16	
Unexpended balance,	\$78 84	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL O'BRIEN.

REPORT OF STREET LIGHTING AT WEST  
TOWNSEND.

Appropriation,	\$125 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Francis Thomas, care and lighting		
lamps,	\$21 34	
Robert Grimes, care and lighting		
lamps,	17 74	
A. Reed, oil and supplies,	15 43	
	<hr/>	\$54 51
Unexpended balance,	\$70 49	
	<hr/>	\$125 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. DAVIS.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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AMOUNTS RAISED BY VOTE OF TOWN APRIL 6, 1903.

Highways, bridges and snow paths,	\$2,000 00
Support of poor,	1,500 00
Town officers.	600 00
General expenses,	600 00
Memorial Hall,	300 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Soldiers, relief,	100 00
Town debt,	1,8000 00
Interest,	252 00
School teachers,	3,500 00
School Superintendent,	450 00
School incidentals,	2,000 00
Fire department,	400 00
Fire department incidentals,	225 00
Teams to fires,	25 00
Chief Engineer,	25 00
Sidewalks.	150 00
Lighting streets,	400 00
Suppression of illegal sale of liquor,	200 00
Watering trough at Harbor,	5 00
Insurance,	375 00
New valuation,	600 00
Fire hats,	100 00
Old Home Week,	100 00
Band Concerts,	75 00
Electric lights in Public Library.	90 00
Repairs Center school building,	200 00
	<hr/> \$16,172 00

State tax,	\$1,025 00
State highway tax,	167 50
County tax,	1,342 67
Overlayings,	732 45
Additions,	44 68
	<hr/> \$3,312 30

\$19,484 30

Addition to collector's book, 1902,	\$32 04
Abatements 1901,	\$6 00
Abatements 1902,	\$52 05
Abatements 1903,	\$117 25

Note:—\$75 00 of this amount (\$117 25) is abatement on personal, located in Boston, of Harry L. Kelly who is not liable for same in Townsend. Misleading notice from assessors of Boston cause of assessment.

Valuation of assessed personal

estate, \$219,085 00

Valuation of assessed real estate, \$1,003 510 00

Total valuation of assessed estate, 

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May 1, 1903, \$1,222,595 00

Rate per \$1.000 00, \$15 00

ASA K. TYLER,	} Assessors of Townsend.
RANSOM B. ADAMS,	
FRED H. JENNEKSON,	

# HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

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## REPORT OF A. K. TYLER.

### HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS AND PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Adams, U. S.,	\$68 20
Ballou, George A.,	102 00
Farrar, J. L.,	22 00
Maynard, W. L., repairs on road machine and stone roller,	8 76
Gregory, George,	13 20
McAvoy, Wm.,	10 80
Gorham, Joseph,	10 17
Hildreth, J. P.,	3 75
Brown, R. T.,	8 58
Harriman, Bert,	5 63
Lawton, G. F., use of horse,	15 35
Tyler, A. K.,	26 25
Beckonert, George, frame for stone roller,	6 73
Copeland, Thomas,	24 22
Simonds, C. J.,	35 63
Morse, E. B.,	5 00
Savage, B. H.,	20 71
Koch, Wm.,	52 51
Oikle, Wm.,	34 80
Richards, Luther,	46 58
Floyd, Percy,	67 94
Floyd, Wm. B.,	134 79
Fessenden, B. & A. D.,	8 00
O'Brien, Michael, gravel,	12 25



Jefts, L. C.,	3 00
Jefts, L. C., gravel,	5 00
Weston, Frank, axle grease,	60
Laws, B. H.,	2 00
Parker, Fred,	32 55
	<hr/> \$787 10

Amount allotted by Selectmen for highways,	\$566 67
For sidewalks,	100 00
Work done for Park Commissioners,	50 00
Loam sold to G. A. Adams, taken from side of roads,	1 50

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\$718 17  
\$100 00

Expended for sidewalks,	
Expended for highways,	\$687 10
Appropriation,	\$618 17
Overdrawn, highways,	\$68 93
	<hr/> \$687 10

## SNOW PATHS.

Hinds, W. D.,	\$15 35
Campbell, E. E.,	2 75
Gurley, Wm. O.,	7 14
Gorham, Joseph,	4 76
Smith, J. R.,	4 20
McNear, S. B.,	3 32
Ballou, George A.,	13 00
Upham, G. J.,	2 30
Dix, Charles,	8 07
Savage, B. H.,	2 25
Farrar, J. L.,	27 40
White, Peregrine,	6 37
Nutting, B. A.,	3 75

Anderson, G.,	2 21
Morse, Theodore,	1 50
McAvoy, Wm.,	3 06
Gravelle, L. B.,	6 60
Smith, T. B.,	2 00
Dudley, Wm. S.,	1 61
Dudley, E. G.,	1 61
Tyler, A. K.,	4 25
Wright, Evander,	3 06
Jefts, L. C.,	1 70
Norris, J. E.,	3 40
Adams, U. S.,	2 80
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Total, highway, snow,	\$134 46
Adams, U. S., for sidewalks,	\$34 35
Total, highways and sidewalks.	<hr/> \$168 81

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. TYLER, *Highway Surveyor.*

## REPORT OF FRED W. DAVIS.

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Francis. Simon,	\$13 50
Manning, G. S.,	4 50
Manchester, A. J.,	13 50
Tenney, William,	9 75
Morey, F. G.,	43 95
Reed, Alex., pick axe and spikes,	3 80
Thompson, J. F., posts and railing,	6 84
Herberts, Frank,	6 87
Hodgman, Chas.,	1 50
Blair, L. K.,	9 60
Dean, William,	39 75

Phelps, B. H., man and team,	24 00
Proctor, C. M., team,	1 00
Farnsworth, F. P.,	8 00
Stickney, Clarence, stringers, bridge plank and labor,	61 83
Patch, C. E., man and team,	38 40
Hodgman, J. C., man and team,	46 50
Robbins, D. B.,	7 20
Davis, Fred W., men and team,	203 04
Manning, O. T.,	13 50
	<hr/> \$557 63

## SNOW PATHS.

Hodgman, J. C, man and team,	\$21 00
Smith, Thomas, man and team,	18 04
Manning, G. S., man and team,	30 79
Vattes, John,	7 31
Miller, Chas.,	9 69
Williams, Walter,	3 82
Morey, Frank,	9 01
Dixon, J. A.,	6 46
Gellen, William,	85
Davis, Fred W., man and team,	29 88
	<hr/> \$136 85

## SIDEWALKS.

Hodgman, J. C.,	\$4 00
Davis, Fred W.,	8 40
	<hr/> \$12 40

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. DAVIS, *Highway Surveyor.*

## REPORT OF G. H. BROWN.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Adams, U. S., man and team,	\$ 36 00
Donovan Bros., man and team,	64 45
Fletcher, D. A., man and team,	8 00
Woods, Frank A., man and team,	55 65
Wyman, H. H., labor,	26 12
La Fountain, C., labor,	25 50
Fortier, Charles, labor,	13 50
Eldredge, S. E., labor,	13 50
Williams, Walter E., labor,	18 00
Brown, G. H., repairs,	1 05
Floyd, Wm. B., labor,	29 58
Brown, Rufus T., labor,	27 00
Floyd, Percy E., labor,	27 50
Proctor, G. A., and team,	2 00
Gregory, Geo. M., labor,	9 00
Stewart, W. J., gravel,	7 55
Harriman, W. S., labor,	8 00
Cook, Wm., labor,	7 50
Perry, A. D., gravel,	10 00
Cooper, A. D., painting bridge,	25 00
McAvoy, W. M., labor,	5 00
Burt, A. E., bolts,	15
Jennerson, J. L., labor,	1 50
Brown, G. H., men and team,	146 24
Farrar, F. R., labor,	2 60
	<hr/> \$570 39

## SNOW PATHS.

Brown, G. H., men and team,	\$21 35
Palfreyman, F., labor,	4 20
Bliss, David, labor,	2 10

Wyman, H. H., labor,	7 50
Seaver, H. O., labor,	82
Moulton, Frank, labor,	1 20
Bennett, T. D., labor,	5 85
Hazard, H. A., labor,	1 80
Williams, W. E., labor,	4 73
Jennerson, Newton, labor,	30
Eaton, A., labor,	1 45
Powell, Geo. & Sons., labor,	5 40
Fessenden, Geo. C.,	50
Conant, F. E., men and team,	7 35
Wyeth, Elmer, men and team,	40 10
Donovan Bros., and team,	16 00
Proctor, G. A., and team,	3 20
	<hr/> \$123 85

## SIDEWALKS.

Cook, J. S.,	8 95
	<hr/> \$132 80

## SIDEWALKS AT HARBOR.

Savage, B. H., labor,	\$2 00
Wyman, H. H., labor,	4 13
Bennett, T. D., labor,	5 03
Fletcher, D. A., and team,	10 00
Brown, G. H., men and team,	20 75
Fitchburg Hardware Co., drain pipe,	2 16
	<hr/> \$44 07

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. BROWN, *Highway Surveyor.*

Feb. 29, 1904.



# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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## REPORT OF B. W. PARKER, SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN FARM.

FROM MARCH 1, 1903, TO MARCH 1, 1904.

### RECEIVED.

For Milk sold, 11 months,	\$661 41
Farm produce,	63 78
Board and lodgers,	8 00
Live stock,	40 00
Labor and use of team,	47 67
Cash from A. G. Stearns,	11 65
From town treasurer,	580 27
	<hr/> \$1,418 73

### EXPENDED.

Labor,	\$360 50
Supplies for house,	559 25
Medical attendance,	1 00
Live stock,	24 00
Blacksmithing,	44 75
Fertilizer,	14 50
Standing grass,	3 00
Work on water pipe,	6 00
Lumber,	8 62
Grain,	393 11
Veterinary,	4 00
	<hr/> \$1,418 73

## PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM

MARCH 1, 1904.

Farm tools,	\$398 88
Farm produce,	290 75
1,200 feet of lumber,	12 00
22 cords of wood,	78 00
Household supplies,	118 85
Household furniture,	324 06
	<hr/> \$1,222 54
2 horses,	\$225 00
1 bull,	30 00
12 cows,	510 00
4 swine,	60 00
60 fowls,	30 00
	<hr/> \$855 00

Value of personal property at town farm

March 1, 1904,

\$2,077 54

## SUPPORT OF POOR AT TOWN FARM.

Personal property at town farm March 1, 1903,	\$2,079 57
Paid B. W. Parker, for use on farm,	\$580 27
B. W. Parker, salary for 11 months to March 1.	458 32
A. G. Stearns, salary for Mar., 1903.	41 67
E. A. Craig, painting and papering,	43 79
Farwell & Claflin balance on horse trade,	75 00
A. E. Burtt, 1 plow,	10 25
C. R. Farwell, democrat wagon,	30 00
J. L. Fairbanks. almshouse register,	3 00
B. L. Beckonert, express on alms- house register,	25
M. Gleason, casket for Mrs. Buckley.	15 00

Telephone for Mrs. Buckley,	\$ 65
R. S. Ely, M. D., medical attendance,	6 00
A. E. Burt, repairs and hardware,	2 75
J. A. Morse, pasture,	40 00
W. Z. Sherwin, repairs,	19 88
J. F. Thompson, standing grass,	15 00
C. W. Hildreth,	12 00
J. C. Hodgman, burial of Mrs. Buckley,	5 00
J. F. Thompson, lumber and sawing,	11 51
	<hr/> \$1,370 34
	<hr/> \$3,449 91

## CONTRA.

Personal property at town farm March	
1, 1904,	\$2,077 54
Received by town treasurer, board of Mrs.	.
Eli Adams and Clarissa Brown,	93 50
Received from G. L. Whitcomb, rent of	
pasture,	20 00
Received rent for Buckley house,	7 50
Due February milk bill,	55 00
	<hr/> \$2,253 54
Net cost of support of town farm,	\$1,196 37
Average cost per week,	\$2 78
Number of tramps lodged,	33

## PERSONS SUPPORTED AT TOWN FARM.

	Age. Weeks.			Age. Weeks.	
Samuel Gilson,	96	52	Betsey Damon,	82	52
Clarissa Brown,	82	52	Arvilla Adams,	79	52
Claribell Richardson,	32	52	Laura F. Sloan,	47	52
Stephen Martin,	86	52	George Stevens,	78	15
Johanna Buckley,	85	39	Mary E. Neal,	73	13

## SUPPORT OF POOR ELSEWHERE THAN AT FARM.

Mrs. Randall Cowdrey :

Paid Mrs. L. S. Nutting, board,	\$78 00
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John Dix :

Aid furnished,	\$120 00
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Dexter Dickinson :

Paid for board, Dickinson and wife,	\$564 29
Dr. Ely, medical attendance,	32 75
W. M. Lawrence, supplies,	18 18
Sawing wood,	2 50
	<hr/> \$617 72
Received from city of Fitchburg	\$523 18
Due from city of Fitchburg,	94 54
	<hr/> \$617 72

J. H. Elliott Family .

Paid Dr. R. S. Ely, medical attendance,	\$76 50
J. F. Thompson, 2 cords wood,	14 35
W. M. Lawrence, supplies,	19 21
J. C. Hodgman, burial of J. H. Elliott,	4 00
C. M. Proctor, team to funeral.	35
Clarence Stickney, wood and coal,	4 48
Miletus Gleason, casket,	15 00

Richard McElligott, expense,	\$ 75
F. G. Hamilton, watcher,	1 00
M. Helleur, watcher,	1 00
	<hr/> \$136 63

## Mrs. C. W. Chase :

Paid Ellen Estes, aid and expense,	\$9 75
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## Michael J. Coffey :

Paid Town of Shirley, aid furnished,	\$16 63
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## Forest Bush ;

Paid Alex. Reed, aid furnished,	\$5 00
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## Peter E. Robar :

Paid W. M. Lawrence, goods furnished,	\$13 54
Alex. Reed, goods furnished,	3 18
R. S. Ely, professional services,	35 00
	<hr/> \$51 72

Whole amount due from Fitchburg.

## Wm. Bonney :

Paid R. S. Ely, professional services,	\$30 00
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Whole amount due from Fitchburg.

## Albert King :

Paid Middlesex Co. Truant School, board, 47 weeks, Mar. 1, 1903 to Jan. 25, 1904,	\$47 00
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## Wm. J. Fargo :

Paid overseers of poor, Fitchburg, burial of child,	\$10 00
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## James King :

Paid Dr. R. S. Ely, medical attendance,	\$6 00
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## Fred LaBounty:

Paid G. A. Proctor, time and expense trip to Shirley,	\$1 50
Mrs. E. M. Wood, rent,	26 00
Dr. Thomas Lilly,	75 00
Town of Shirley, aid furnished,	40 99
	<hr/> \$143 49

## Mrs. Annie Ferrell:

Paid I. A. Seaver, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood,	\$2 50
G. A. Proctor, 1 cord wood,	5 50
B. & A. D. Fessenden, coal,	8 25
	<hr/> \$16 25

## O. T. Manning:

Aid furnished,	\$15 60
Whole amount refunded by Manning.	

## John Moline:

Paid Dr. L. G. Chandler, medical attendance and expense,	\$8 64
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## Mrs. Mary Merrick:

Paid Dr. L. G. Chandler, medical aid,	\$20 00
C. W. Hildreth, groceries and supplies,	76 84
	<hr/> \$96 84

## Ellen Niland:

Paid Worcester Insane Hospital, board,	\$169 46
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## Mrs. Mary E. Neal:

Paid B. L. Beckonert, expense,	\$ 1 75
Dr. A. J. Atwood, professional services,	43 75
	<hr/> \$45 50

## G. W. Rundlett :

Paid J. F. Thompson, wood,	\$37 43	
D. H. Moore, rent,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$97 43

## Geo. Stevens :

Paid C. M. Proctor, team,	\$ 75	
R. McElligott, expense,	1 00	
H. B. Boynton, medical aid,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$3 25

## Pierre Valliere :

Paid G. A. Proctor, time and expense trip to Tewksbury,	\$3 00	
State Hospital expense,	4 69	
	<hr/>	\$7 69

## Solomon Worden :

Paid J. F. Thompson, wood,	\$17 86	
W. M. Lawrence, groceries and supplies,	40 44	
H. B. Boynton, medical aid,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$61 80

## Mrs. Nathan Walker :

Paid J. F. Thompson, 1 cord wood,	\$5 50	
Clarence Stickney, wood and coal,	7 74	
	<hr/>	\$13 24

Total amount of orders drawn for support of poor elsewhere than at farm,	\$1,807 64
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## CONTRA.

Received from city of Fitchburg, Dexter Dickinson case,	\$488 85
Due from city of Fitchburg, Dexter Dickinson case,	128 87
Received from O. T. Manning,	15 60
Due from Fitchburg, Wm. Bonney case,	30 00
Due from Fitchburg, Peter E. Robar case,	51 72
	<hr/> \$715 04
Net cost of support of poor elsewhere than at town farm,	\$1,092 60
Net cost of support of poor at farm,	1,196 37
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Net cost support poor,	\$2,288 97
Appropriation,	1,500 00
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Overdrawn,	\$788 97

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation,	\$2,000 00
Paid George H. Brown,	\$570 39
A. K. Tyler,	687 00
Fred W. Davis,	557 63
	<hr/> \$1815 02

### SNOW PATHS.

Paid George H. Brown,	\$132 80
A. K. Tyler,	168 81
Fred W. Davis,	149 25
	<hr/> \$450 86
Amount expended for highways, bridges and snow paths,	<hr/> \$2,265 88
Cash paid town treasurer for work of A. K. Tyler,	51 50
	<hr/> \$2,214 38
Overdrawn,	\$214 38

### STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation,	\$525 00
Paid M. O'Brien,	200 00
Fred W. Davis,	125 00
F. J. Knight,	75 00
U. S. Adams,	286 98
M. C. Welch, setting lamp post,	1 00
J. A. Arlin, oil and care for street light,	1 00
	<hr/> \$688 98

Cash returned to town treasurer from M. O'Brien,	\$78 84
Cash returned to town treasurer from F. W. Davis,	70 49
	<hr/> \$149 33
Net cost of street lights,	\$539 65
Overdrawn,	\$14 65

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation,	\$600 00
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## OLD CONTRACTS.

Paid M. O'Brien, street lighting, 1902,	\$ 8 08
S. Francis, snow paths, 1902,	1 41
F. A. Patch, street lighting, 1902,	21 55
F. J. Knight, constable, 1902,	8 00
C. E. Patch, highways, 1902,	8 46
B. H. Laws, highways, 1902,	25
Charles Hagar, highways, 1902,	1 00
G. L. Whitcomb, Dockham case,	4 00
L. G. Chandler, returning births, 1902,	1 75
W. H. Lang, teller, 1901.	2 00
W. H. Lang, auditor, 1902,	1 00
J. M. Coffey, registrar and team 1902,	8 50
Richard McElligott, ballot clerk, 1902,	2 00
Mrs. L. A. Richardson, pasturing cattle, 1902,	18 00
A. S. Howard, collecting taxes, 1901.	20 40
M. O'Brien, court expense at Ayer.	48 98
W. M. Lawrence, goods furnished Worden family, 1902,	6 00
G. M. Streeter, fire department, 1902,	4 00
Clarence Stickney, fire department, 1902,	75
A. S. Howard, collector, 1902,	100 00
	<hr/> \$266 13



## POLICE.

Paid Michael O'Brien, special police service,	\$23 85
F. A. Patch, special police service,	3 25
Thomas Cooley, special police service,	
Maginnis' case,	3 00
F. J. Knight, special police service,	6 00

## FIRE PATROL AND SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid Henry Buckley, July 3 and 4,	\$2 50
Samuel Gillis, July 3 and 4,	2 50
Sidney Weaver, July 3 and 4,	2 50
Andrew Richards, July 3 and 4,	2 50
John Arlin, July 3 and 4,	2 50
J. D. Finegan, July 3 and 4,	3 50
John Dobson, July 3 and 4,	3 50
John Morse, July 3 and 4,	3 50
F. A. Patch, July 3 and 4,	3 50
F. P. Farnsworth, July 3 and 4,	2 50
J. C. Hodgman, July 3 and 4,	2 50
F. W. Davis, July 3 and 4,	2 50
	<hr/> \$70 10

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

Paid John N. Going,	\$96 00
One-half to be returned by state.	

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid A. S. Howard, collector:	
Abatements for 1901,	\$ 6 00
Abatements for 1902,	52 05
Abatements for 1903,	117 25
	<hr/> \$175 30

## INCIDENTALS.

Paid Townsend Drug Co., grad. for weights,	\$ 30
M. O'Brien, court expenses at Ayer,	6 95
M. O'Brien, team for truant service,	50
Supplies for selectmens' room, stationery and rubber bands,	1 90
T. E. Flarity, moderator,	5 00
J. E. Aspinwall, raking common.	2 77
G. L. Whitcomb, postage, telephone, paper files and paper,	4 18
F. J. Piper, teller,	2 00
B. H. Savage, labor on common,	7 00
Good Roads Mach'y Co., repairs on road scraper.	33 90
G. A. Wilder, printing, stationery and postage,	64 64
G. A. Wilder, returning 34 births.	6 80
G. A. Wilder, returning 34 deaths,	17 00
G. A. Wilder, returning 24 marriages,	4 80
G. A. Wilder, administering oaths.	11 00
G. A. Wilder, cash paid for record book,	7 25
G. A. Wilder, recording death return from Fitchburg.	50
G. A. Wilder, ink and express on books,	1 75
Oliver Proctor, W. Townsend bridge com.,	3 00
F. A. Patch, court expenses at Ayer,	4 86
Thomas Manning, court expenses at Ayer.	7 00
L. U. Clement, Fertilizer for common,	6 80
G. F. Hildreth, cleaning common.	2 40
A. F. Stickney, printing,	1 00
G. A. Proctor, Street lighting committee,	1 50
Town of Ashby, taxes on town farm,	2 70
Mass. Town Officer,	4 00
C. F. Worcester, retainer and advice,	25 00

Paid Hobbs, Warren & Co., collectors book.	\$2 00
B. L. Beckonert, locating lights,	3 00
R. McElligott, locating lights,	2 00
R. McElligott, advertising and selling South Row school house,	3 00
G. A. Proctor, expense and time in D. Dickinson case,	5 00
John Arlin, teller,	2 00
J. M. Coffey, team for registrars,	50
Eclipse Engine Co., hall for registrars,	75
H. B. Hildreth, postage stamps,	5 50
F. J. Piper, ballot clerk,	2 00
M. O'Brien, postage and team,	1 25
F. B. Farwell, injury to horse on highway,	25 00
W. L. Maynard, repairs on common fence,	2 00
L. G. Chandler, returning births,	2 50
R. S. Ely, returning births,	2 75
H. B. Boynton, returning births,	75
A. J. Atwood, returning births.	1 50
C. H. Holcombe, returning births,	50
R. McElligott, trip to highway com- mission,	3 50
W. H. Lang, auditor,	1 00
A. E. Burt, labor on common fence,	1 30
R. A. Lancey, teller, 2 meetings,	4 00
J. L. Farrar, teaming scraper,	50
Chas. Fuller, painting library table,	1 00
G. A. Adams, use of telephone,	1 00
A. H. Richards, janitor, cash paid for repairs on engine house,	14 58
B. & A. D. Fessenden, work on common,	7 02
J. L. Farrar, team for selectman and constable,	1 00

Paid J. L. Farrar, returning deaths,	\$6 75
J. C. Hodgman, returning deaths,	1 25
R. McElligott, paid for use of telephone,	50
R. McElligott, trip to Boston, account of insane poor,	4 00
C. M. Proctor, teams, account stone bridge and highway at West Townsend,	2 50
J. C. Hodgman, going for and returning hearse 4 times,	4 00
Oren Lawrence, work on high school building,	2 00
A. C. Josselyn, paid state, account druggist license,	25
A. C. Josselyn, postage,	6 00
R. McElligott, expense in Bonney and Robar case,	2 75
F. J. Piper, testing milk bottles,	5 00
	<hr/> \$368 40

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid A. J. Atwood, Gilman horse case,	\$2 00
L. G. Chandler, vaccination,	50
L. G. Chandler, Atherton case,	1 00
R. S. Ely,	2 00
A. J. Atwood, Elsie Parker case,	7 00
Charles Fuller, Elsie Parker case,	3 99
	<hr/> \$16 49

John Jackson: supposed case of small pox.

Paid L. G. Chandler, telephone and profes- sional services,	\$ 9 20
Thomas B. Shay, M. D., expert,	27 00
J. L. Farrar, teams,	3 00
C. M. Proctor, teams,	1 35
	<hr/> \$40 55

## Elsie Parker : case of scarlet fever.

Paid C. W. Hildreth, groceries,	\$7 32	
Jerry Donovan, rent during quarantine,	6 00	
C. H. Holcombe, M. D.	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 32

## TREE WARDEN ACCOUNT.

Paid Joel S. Cook, warden,	\$34 50	
C. M. Proctor, team,	35	
R. McElligott, cash paid for labor at West Townsend,	5 45	
H. H. Wyman, cutting brush,	8 25	
J. M. Campbell,	2 00	
J. C. Hodgman,	75	
	<hr/>	\$51 30

Total orders drawn for general expenses,	\$1,108 59
Overdrawn appropriation,	508 59

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,	\$600 00
Paid G. A. Proctor, services as selectman, overseer of poor and board of health,	\$110 00
B. L. Beckonert, services as selectman, overseer of poor and board of health,	110 00
R. McElligott, services as selectman, overseer of poor and board of health,	110 00
G. A. Wilder, services as town clerk,	25 00
G. A. Wilder, clerk board of registrars,	15 00
A. C. Josselyn, services as treasurer,	75 00
A. S. Howard, part pay for services as tax collector,	100 00



M. O'Brien, services as constable,	\$22 00
I. A. Seaver, services as registrar,	8 00
H. L. Stickney, services as registrar,	8 00
J. M. Coffey, services as registrar,	8 00
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	\$591 00

Unexpended balance.	\$9 00
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## CHIEF ENGINEER.

Appropriation,	\$25 00
Paid F. J. Piper, services year ending May 1,	
1903,	25 00

## TEAMS TO FIRES.

Appropriation,	\$25 00
Paid W. F. Heselton,	\$3 00
F. Brown,	3 00
Chas. King,	1 50
W. Weston,	1 00
J. L. Farrar,	11 50
T. E. Flarity,	75
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	\$20 75

Unexpended balance,	\$4 25
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## FIREMEN.

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Paid A. N. Fessenden,	400 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation,	\$225 00
Paid F. J. Piper, watching fires, and freight,	\$4 50
M. S. Ayer, 3 kegs soda,	7 56
A. H. Richards, watching fires,	1 00
A. H. Richards, cutting ice and uncov-	
ering cisterns,	2 20

Paid B. & A. D. Fessenden, fire extinguishers, hose, couplings and oil,	\$106 75	
T. E. Flarity, express and postage,	2 60	
T. E. Flarity, time and expense with fire marshall,	10 40	
C. Callahan Co., supplies.	21 50	
J. F. Thompson, grading, lumber, shoveling snow, labor and express,	10 90	
T. E. Flarity, cash paid for supplies,	55	
Knight & Thomas, repairs on extin- guishers,	4 85	
C. W. Hildreth, supplies,	1 38	
A. S. Howard, poll tax for 43 firemen,	86 00	
B. H. Savage, clearing snow from front of Center engine house,	1 10	
Chas. Fuller, setting glass in front of engine house,	2 50	
A. Reed, supplies,	85	
W. M. Lawrence, supplies,	1 51	
Clarence Stickney, coal and repairs,	24 15	
Frank Weston, can axle grease,	25	
C. E. Patch, care of West Townsend engine hall, and extra labor,	22 35	
W. D. Osgood, soda,	1 00	
B. & A. D. Fessenden, coal for engine house,	23 34	
	<hr/>	\$337 24
Overdrawn appropriation,		\$112 24

## REPAIRING WEST TOWNSEND HAND TUB.

Appropriation,		\$400 00
Paid B. & A. D. Fessenden, labor,	\$217 90	
B. & A. D. Fessenden, castings and fittings,	66 21	

Paid B. & A. D. Fessenden, car fare, tele-	
phoning, express and lumber,	\$10 49
F. Bean, cash and supper,	5 50
H. C. Morrill, pump leathers,	3 00
T. E. Flarity, telephoning, labor and cash	
for supplies,	6 20
C. Callahan Co., repairing suction hose,	5 25
C. Callahan Co., play pipe and extra tip,	6 00
Scrannage Bros., duplicating copper pipe,	13 50
Clarence Stickney, team to Ayer,	4 00
W. L. Maynard, blacksmithing,	1 45
Clarence Stickney, teaming hand tub,	1 50
J. L. Farrar, teams,	3 25
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	\$344 25

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By 55 lbs. brass scrap castings,	\$ 6 05
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	\$338 20

Unexpended,	\$61 80
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## MEMORIAL HALL.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Paid J. D. Finegan, janitor service,	\$180 00
J. D. Finegan, extra labor and repairs,	5 25
J. D. Finegan, for tile and labor putting	
in drain at N. E. corner of hall,	10 15
J. D. Finegan, one roll table paper,	6 13
J. D. Finegan, for water barrel, oil and	
teaming water,	2 70
U. S. Adams, wood and splints,	38 00
R. A. Lancey, 4 keys for hall,	80
A. E. Burt, repairs on roof and material,	11 67
A. E. Burt, repairs on water tank, water	
pipe, sink, stove material, and labor	
and supplies for same,	8 91

Paid Chas. Fuller, varnish and labor on library floor,	\$2 90
W. Z. Sherwin, shingling roof and building table for library,	12 55
C. W. Hildreth, oil and supplies,	1 06
W. D. Osgood, oil and supplies,	19 03
B. & A. D. Fessenden, 8 tons coal,	61 30
B. & A. D. Fessenden, $\frac{3}{4}$ M ex. shingles,	2 81
B. & A. D. Fessenden, 100 lbs. fertilizer,	2 00
B. & A. D. Fessenden, labor on pump and safe lock, and grinding mower,	4 70
U. S. Adams, light for library and selectmen's room,	52 42
Townsend Drug Co., 2 thermometers,	50
	<hr/> \$422 88
Exceeded appropriation,	\$122 88
Cash received by town treasurer for rent of hall,	\$117 00

## INSURANCE

Appropriation,	\$375 00
Paid G. L. Whitcomb:	
On Aker place,	\$3 40
On Memorial Hall,	132 00
On furniture in Memorial Hall,	32 50
On town farm,	34 00
On school house, West Townsend,	48 90
On piano,	12 50
On school houses at Center and Harbor,	72 75
On high school building and Memorial Hall fixtures,	28 00
On law library in Memorial Hall,	3 75
	<hr/> \$367 80
Unexpended balance,	\$7 20

## LIBRARY.

Paid B. A. Willmott, treasurer, appropriation of 1902 dog tax,	\$289 15
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## PRINTING TOWN REPORTS.

No appropriation.	
Sentinel Printing Co., printing 700 reports.	\$124 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing 50 school reports,	3 50
Sentinel Printing Co., printing 15 warrants,	1 25
H. B. Hildreth, postage,	6 30
	<hr/> \$ 135 05

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Paid C. W. Hildreth,	100 00

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriations:	
School teachers,	\$3,500 00
School incidentals,	2,000 00
Superintendent,	450 00
	<hr/> \$5,950 00
Total amount of orders drawn,	\$7,673 44
For balance see Superintendent's report.	

## SUPPRESSION OF THE ILLEGAL SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Appropriation.	\$200 00
Paid expense in Dix and Wright case,	190 27
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Unexpended balance,	\$9 73
Returned from First District Court to town treasurer, fines amounting to	\$113 76
Net cost for the suppression of illegal sale of liquors,	\$76 51



## REPAIRING CENTER SCHOOL BUILDING.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Paid F. L. Spring, work and supplies,	\$146 54
Chas. Fuller, labor and material,	74 00
F. A. Barker, mason,	4 10
	<hr/> \$ 224 64
Exceeded appropriation,	\$24 64

## TAKING VALUATION.

Appropriation,	\$600 00
Paid A. K. Tyler, services as assessor, 87 days,	\$217 50
R. B. Adams, services as assessor, 88 days,	220 00
F. H. Jennerson, services as assessor, 94 days,	235 00
A. K. Tyler, cash paid locating lots,	18 25
A. K. Tyler, expense, cash paid,	1 50
R. B. Adams, expense for field and account books, assessors' blanks, telephoning and field assistance,	10 30
F. H. Jennerson, expense, cash paid,	4 45
G. A. Wilder, printing valuation books,	94 75
H. B. Hildreth, postage,	4 00
	<hr/> \$805 75
Exceeded appropriation,	\$205 75

## REPAIRS AT AKER PLACE.

No appropriation.	
Paid W. Z. Sherwin, labor,	\$148 66
W. Z. Sherwin, material,	38 21
Clarence Stickney, material,	131 00

Paid E. A. Craig, painting and papering,	\$36 13
Oren Lawrence, mason work,	26 70
J. C. Hodgman, labor,	10 75
A. E. Burtt, putting in pump,	15 00
A. E. Burtt, labor and material,	4 02
John Harvey, mason work,	3 50
Luther Richards, tending mason,	1 50
Frank Morey, 2 days work,	3 00
W. M. Lawrence, hardware,	17 23
Alden Sherwin, labor,	3 00
R. McElligott, cash paid for supplies,	2 84
B. & A. D. Fessenden, 1 bbl. cement,	1 55
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	\$443 09
Cash paid to treasurer for rent of Aker place,	\$8 00

WIRING LIBRARY AND SELECTMEN'S ROOM FOR ELECTRIC  
LIGHTS.

Appropriation,	\$90 00
Paid Novelty Wiring Co., of Ayer,	90 00

WIRING MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION ROOM FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Appropriation.	No money raised.
Paid Novelty Wiring Co., of Ayer,	\$32 50

TOWNSEND BRASS BAND.

Appropriation,	\$75 00
Paid C. E. Gates, treasurer of band,	75 00

WATERING TROUGH AT HARBOR.

Appropriation.	\$5 00
Paid Henry Spaulding, for care,	\$5 00
Henry Spaulding, for valve,	6 00
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	\$11 00
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Exceeded appropriation.	\$6 00

## USE OF A. D. FESSENDEN'S SEWER.

No appropriation.

Paid A. D. Fessenden,	\$40 00
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## SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation,	\$150 00
Paid A. K. Tyler,	\$100 00
G. H. Brown,	44 07
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	\$144 07
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Unexpended balance,	\$5 93

## CANAL BRIDGE AT HARBOR.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Paid United Construction Co., for iron bridge,	\$235 00
G. H. Brown, for labor and help,	19 16
G. A. Proctor, work and lumber,	15 00
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	\$269 16
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Exceeded appropriation,	\$69 16

Note: When the appropriation was asked for it was the intention of the selectmen to build a wooden structure, but upon further investigation it was thought best to build an iron bridge, which was done, at an additional cost.

## STATE AID.

Paid Adams, Franklin,	\$72 00
Brogan, Daniel,	60 00
Brown, Rufus T.,	48 00
Burgess, Jane P.,	48 00
Clark, Lucy R. C.,	48 00
Cook, Reuben S.,	72 00
Dix, Charles W.,	40 00

Paid Gilmore, D. Alfred,	\$72 00
Gilmore, Frances A.,	32 00
Hunt, Catherine,	48 00
Hazard, Josephine,	48 00
Hildreth, John P.,	48 00
King, Mary,	48 00
Leve, Adolph,	15 00
Leve, Ellen,	28 00
Parker, Levi T.,	36 00
Piper, Harriet,	48 00
Patten, Mary,	48 00
Pratt, Ellen A.,	48 00
Perkins, Abram,	48 00
Putnam, Sarah A.,	48 00
Spear, William H.,	48 00
Tenney, William H.,	48 00
Todd, Hugh,	72 00
Wright, William R.,	36 00
Webb, Hannah,	48 00
Welch, Thomas H.,	48 00
Wright, Jennie,	48 00

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Due from state, \$1.351 00

## MILITARY AID.

Paid Goldthwaite, Albert, \$16 00  
 One half due from state.

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Balance from 1902,	\$91 84
Appropriation,	100 00
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Paid Levi T. Parker, burial agent, burial of  
 J. B. Spaulding, \$38 00

Paid City of North Adams, aid to David Gilson,	\$4 46
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	\$42 46
Due from state,	35 00
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	\$7 46
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Unexpended balance,	\$184 38

## FIGHTING FOREST FIRE AT DIXON HILL.

Paid Wyman, Clarence S.,	\$7 80
Wyman, C. S.,	5 60
Veno, T. H.,	7 50
Cady, F. R.,	7 40
Veno, N. E.,	7 00
Welch, L. A.,	7 00
Grimes, Robert D.,	1 80
Grimes, Wm.,	5 40
Fisher, E. J.,	9 40
Reed, H. L.,	3 70
Robbins, D. B.,	3 90
Richards, Fred F.,	2 40
Whiting, E. D.,	3 00
Patch, E. F.,	5 40
Coffey, D. H.,	2 40
Manchester, A. J.,	4 40
Manchester, John,	3 40
Davis, Fred,	5 50
Hamilton, Foster,	4 60
Welch, J. F.,	4 00
Wilson, C. L.,	5 80
Hodgman, Harvey,	6 60
Upton, G. F.,	2 80
Kaddy, Ernest S.,	4 00
Robbins, Chas. A.,	4 40



Paid Starkey, D. A.,	\$4 40
Sherwin, Alden A.,	5 00
Hodgman, C. A.,	1 80
Jodrey, Amos,	5 20
Thomas. H. D. & Sons.,	21 60
Hannaford, George,	1 20
Streeter, George,	2 00
Mills, W. H.,	4 50
Patch, F. A.,	4 00
Farnsworth, F. P.,	3 00
Phelps, Bert,	5 40
Benner, G. H.,	3 40
Grimes, T. H.,	8 40
Swanson, Axel,	2 00
Davis, E. T.,	6 00
Welch, M. C.,	2 00
Welch, George,	5 00
Clarke, J. B.,	4 00
Wyman, Emery L.,	1 60
Smith, T. J.,	15 50
Shepherd, —	10 00
Smith, J.,	2 00
Stanley, G., F., & Sons,	5 00
Tracey, —	5 20
Burgess, G.,	7 80
Crowe, —	10 00
Davis, Geo.,	2 00
Farmer, —	12 00
Reynolds, —	2 00
Gailey, Robert,	2 00
Arbor, —	1 00
Manning, O. T.,	7 80
Dean. Wm.,	3 60
Parsons, F. D.,	7 40
Jenkins, C. W.,	2 00

Paid McDormond, C. T.,	\$5 20
Robbins, Elmer E.,	3 10
Streeter, C. E.,	2 40
Powers, C. D.,	3 20
Hatch, A. J.,	2 20
Hodgman, Benj. E.,	3 00
Craig, E. A.,	1 80
Morey, G. F.,	3 60
Dudley, C.,	1 00
Reed, Alex.,	2 40
Warren, Wm.,	2 40
Lawrence, W. M., shovels and lunch,	8 30
Reed, Alex., shovels and lunch,	4 83
Hale, W. F.,	60
Adams, U. S.,	10 30
Jefts, F. R.,	2 00
Felch, H. C.,	3 90
Misner, R. S.,	40
McGuire, John,	1 00
McGuire, E. A.,	1 00
Felch, C. D.,	1 00
Gates, Ira S.,	2 00
Gates, Geo. H.,	1 00
Ducharme, Geo.,	3 45
McGuire, T. J.,	1 00
Manning, B.,	1 00
Powell, Geo.	1 00
Morse, J. J.,	1 00
McGuire, N. J.,	1 15
Weaver, S. A.,	1 00
Richards, Ai,	1 80
Eastman, J. W.,	6 55
Howard, A. S.,	1 80
Dobson, John,	1 00
Anderson, Gustaf,	1 00

Paid Markham, D. F.,	\$1 00
Going, E. B.,	1 80
Flarity, T. E.,	2 20
Harvey, J. J.,	1 20
Borneman, G. W.,	1 20
Jennerson, F. H.,	1 00
Buckley, H. E.,	1 95
Gates, C. E.,	3 90
Arlin, W. F.,	2 20
Dixon, J. A.,	6 40
Flagg, F. L.,	40
Arlin, J. A.,	40
Hughes, W. A.,	1 40
Savage, B. H.,	1 50
Wright, C. A.,	1 00
Coffey, D. J.,	3 25
Parker, Fred,	1 00
Woods, Sam.,	2 00
Richards, Andrew,	1 25
Piper, F. J.,	4 00
Swicker, S.,	1 00
Swicker, J.,	1 00
Brown, R.,	1 00
Van Etten, F.,	1 00
O'Brien, Robert,	1 00
Warren, E.,	1 00
Hill, W. S.,	1 00
Piper, S. R.,	1 00
Powell, G. T.,	2 25
Oikle, A. E.,	1 00
Batchelder, George,	1 00
Stickney, A. F., & Son,	5 00
Proctor, C. M., teams,	1 50
Farrar, J. L.,	5 75

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Fire near Stickney's mill :	
Paid John B. Clarke,	\$28 50
Fire near Vinton pond :	
Paid J. F. Thompson,	\$8 30
Fire at Emery lot ,	
Paid J. E. Donovan,	\$5 80
S. D. Coffey,	80
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	\$6 60
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Total for forest fires,	\$506 33

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### RECAPITULATION.

Money raised by vote of the town April 6, 1903.

Highways, bridges and snow paths,	\$2,000 00
Support of poor,	1,500 00
Town officers,	600 00
General expenses,	600 00
Memorial Hall,	300 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Soldiers' relief,	100 00
Town debt,	1,800 00
Interest,	252 00
School teachers,	3,500 00
School Superintendent,	450 00
School incidentals,	2,000 00
Fire department incidentals,	225 00
Personal services of firemen, W. Townsend,	200 00
Personal services of firemen, Center,	200 00
Teams to fires,	25 00
Chief engineer,	25 00
Sidewalks,	150 00
Lighting streets,	400 00
Watering trough at Harbor,	5 00

Suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors,	\$200 00
Insurance,	375 00
Taking valuation of town and printing reports,	600 00
Old Home Week,	100 00
Band concerts,	75 00
Wiring library and selectmen's room for electric lights,	90 00
Repairs on Center school building,	200 00
Purchasing 18 fire hats,	100 00
	<hr/> \$16,172 00
County Tax,	\$1,342 67
State Tax,	1,025 00
National Bank Tax,	214 50
State Highway Repair Tax,	167 50
Overlayings,	732 45
Additions to collector's book,	44 68
	<hr/> \$3,526 80
	<hr/> \$19,698 80

## Orders have been drawn as follows :

Highways, bridges and snow paths,	\$2,265 88
Lighting streets,	688 98
Support of poor,	3,177 98
General expenses,	1,108 59
Town officers,	591 00
Chief engineer,	25 00
Teams to fires,	20 75
Firemen,	400 00
Fire department incidentals,	337 24
West Townsend hand engine,	338 20
Memorial Hall,	422 88



Library,	\$289 15
Insurance,	367 80
Printing town reports,	135 05
Memorial Day,	100 00
Town notes,	15,600 00
Interest,	583 91
Schools,	7,673 44
Suppression of the illegal sale of liquor,	190 27
Repairing center school building,	224 64
Taking valuation,	805 75
Repairs on Aker place,	443 09
Wiring Library and Selectmen's room,	90 00
Wiring Memorial Association room,	32 50
Townsend Brass Band,	75 00
Watering trough at Harbor,	11 00
Use of A. D. Fessenden's sewer,	40 00
Sidewalks,	144 07
Canal bridge at Harbor,	269 16
State Aid,	1,351 00
Military Aid,	16 00
Soldiers relief,	42 46
Forest fires,	506 33
State Tax,	1,025 00
County Tax,	1,342 67
National Bank Tax,	218 29
State Highway Tax,	167 50
Board at Westboro hospital,	169 45
Board at Worcester hospital,	149 04
	<hr/> \$41,439 07

## LIABILITIES.

Notes due in anticipation of taxes,	\$2,000 00
Memorial Hall excess notes,	122 27
Memorial Hall overdraft note,	2,000 00
State road notes,	1,500 00

Town farm steam heat note,	\$650 00
West Townsend state road note,	1,000 00
Town farm repair note,	500 00
West Townsend hand engine note,	400 00
Canal bridge at Harbor note,	200 00
Appropriation for firemen, due May 1, 1904,	400 00
Appropriation for chief engineer, due May 1, 1904,	25 00
Will be due superintendent of town farm April 1, 1904,	41 68
Will be due superintendent of schools July 1, 1904,	360 00
	<hr/> \$9,198 95

## ASSETS.

Due from state, State Aid,	\$1,351 00
Military Aid,	8 00
Burial of soldiers.	35 00
Inspector of animals.	48 00
Superintendent of schools,	750 00
Cash in hands of town treasurer,	422 38
Due from A. S. Howard, commitment of 1899,	60
Due from A. S. Howard, commitment of 1900,	55
Due from A. S. Howard, commitment of 1901,	10 68
Due from A. S. Howard, commitment of 1902,	1,770 03
Due from A. S. Howard, commitment of 1903,	5,116 44
Due from city of Fitchburg, Dexter Dickinson case,	128 87
Due from city of Fitchburg, William Bonney case,	30 00

Due from city of Fitchburg, P. E. Robar case,	\$51 72
Interest on Susan Emery Wilson fund,	12 52
	<hr/> \$9,735 79
Balance in favor of the town,	\$536 84

## LIST OF NOTES OWED BY THE TOWN.

Memorial Hall Building Committee excess notes bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, payable annually, and maturing July 31, 1904, \$122 27

State Road notes bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes if assessed in Townsend, payable semi-annually, March 1 and Sept. 1, maturing as follows:

Note matures Sept. 1, 1904,	\$500 00
Note matures Sept. 1, 1905,	500 00
Note matures Sept. 1, 1906,	500 00
	<hr/> \$1,500 00

Town Farm note bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Matures Jan. 1, 1905.	\$650 00
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Overdraft note (1893), bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, payable semi-annually.

Matures April 30, 1904.	\$2,000 00
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West Townsend State Road notes, bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Note matures Dec. 6, 1905,	\$500 00
Note matures Dec. 6, 1906,	500 00
	<hr/> \$1,000 00

Town Farm repair note, bearing 4 per cent. interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Note matures Feb. 28, 1908,	\$500 00
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West Townsend Hand Engine note, bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Note matures July 1, 1904,	\$200 00
Note matures July 1, 1905,	200 00
	<hr/> \$400 00

Canal Bridge at Harbor note, bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Matures Jan. 1, 1905,	\$200 00
Notes in anticipation of taxes,	\$2,000 00

#### INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

On Memorial Hall building, expires April 24, 1906,	\$10,000 00
On Memorial Hall furniture, expires July 12, 1906,	1,300 00
On Memorial Hall scenery, expires March 1, 1905,	300 00
On Public Library and furniture, expires June 12, 1905,	2,000 00
On Law Library, expires March 1, 1907,	150 00
On High School building, and fixtures, expires April 1, 1905, Dec. 1, 1906, and Jan. 1, 1907,	7,500 00
On School building and fixtures at West Townsend, expires Sept. 1, 1906,	2,700 00
On School building at Harbor, expires Dec. 1, 1906,	1,000 00
On Hearse house and carriages at Center, expires Aug. 1, 1904,	500 00
On Engine house, steamer, hose carriage and fixtures at Center, expires June 6, 1905,	5,500 00
On Engine house, engine and fixtures at West Townsend, expires March 1, 1905,	1,800 00
On Engine house at Harbor, expires March 1, 1905,	400 00
On Town Farm buildings and contents, expires Aug. 1, 1905, and Aug. 1, 1906,	3,500 00
On Aker place, near town farm, expires July 1, 1905,	200 00
On Piano in Memorial Hall,	500 00

# EXPENSES FOR WHICH THERE WAS NO APPROPRIATION.

Printing town reports,	\$135 05
Forest fires,	506 33
Repairs at Aker place,	443 09
Wiring Memorial Association room,	32 50
Use of A. D. Fessenden's sewer,	40 00
	<hr/> \$1,156 97

# OVERDRAWN ACCOUNTS.

Highways,	\$265 88
Street lighting,	14 65
General expenses,	508 59
Memorial Hall,	122 88
Repairs on Center school building,	24 64
Interest,	331 91
Fire department incidentals,	112 24
Support of poor,	788 97
Taking valuation,	205 75
Watering trough at Harbor,	6 00
Canal bridge at Harbor,	69 16
	<hr/> \$2,450 67

# UNEXPENDED ACCOUNTS.

Town officers,	\$9 00
Teams to fires,	4 25
Insurance,	7 20
Repairing West Townsend hand engine,	61 80
Suppression of illegal sale of liquor,	9 73
	<hr/> \$91 98



## RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following are the appropriations recommended by the different departments for the ensuing year :

Highways and bridges,	\$2,000 00
Snow paths,	200 00
Support of poor,	1,800 00
General expenses,	800 00
Town officers,	800 00
Memorial Hall,	300 00
Memorial Day,	100 00
Interest,	500 00
School teachers,	3,500 00
School superintendent,	400 00
School incidentals,	2,000 00
Fire department incidentals,	250 00
Fire department at Center and W. Townsend,	400 00
Teams to fires,	50 00
Chief engineer,	25 00
Sidewalks,	200 00
Lighting streets,	750 00
Suppression of illegal sale of intoxicating liquors,	200 00
Watering trough at Harbor,	5 00
Insurance,	55 00
Tree warden,	100 00
Repairs on school buildings,	4,000 00
Old Home Week,	

Respectfully submitted,

GALEN A. PROCTOR,  
 BERNARD L. BECKONERT,  
 RICH'D MCELLIGOTT,

*Selectmen of Townsend.*

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of Poor and find them correct.

EVERETT W. SEAVER,  
WM. H. LANG,  
*Auditors.*

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.

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Balance due on commitment of 1899,	\$	60	
1900,		55	
1901,		10	68
1902,	1,770	03	
1903,	5,116	44	
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			\$6,898 30

(For details see Treasurer's Report.)

## COMMITMENT OF 1903.

Non-resident bank tax,	\$214	50	
State tax,	1,025	00	
County tax,	1,342	67	
State highway tax,	167	50	
Town tax,	16,172	00	
Overlayings,	732	45	
Additions,	44	68	
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			\$19,698 80

Collected on 1903	\$14,465	11	
Abatements on 1903,	117	25	
Balance due on 1903,	5,116	44	
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			\$19,698 80

## PAID A. C. JOSSELYN, TREASURER.

On tax of 1900,	\$5	18	
1901,	1,943	00	
1901, addition,	2	60	
1902,	4,064	51	
1903.	14,582	36	
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			\$20,597 05

On tax of 1900, interest money,	\$1 03	
1901, interest money,	176 81	
1901, interest money, additional,	25	
1902, interest money,	183 40	
	<hr/>	\$361 49
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		\$20,958 54

ALBERT S. HOWARD, *Collector.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.

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## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1903,	\$1,209 65
State treasurer, superintendent of schools,	750 00
State treasurer, inspector of animals,	61 50
State treasurer, corporation tax,	687 25
State treasurer, national bank tax,	69 83
State treasurer, military aid,	8 00
State treasurer, state aid,	1,312 00
State treasurer, burial of indigent soldiers,	70 00
State treasurer, Massachusetts school fund,	622 39
State treasurer, education of children, state board of charity,	98 32
City of Boston, school supplies,	214 92
County treasurer, dog licenses,	286 85
John Finegan, for rent of Memorial hall,	117 00
John Finegan, papers sold,	16
Fairfield Whitney, rent of Seminary hall,	28 55
Fairfield Whitney, for supplies sold,	14 50
Fairfield Whitney, for tuition,	93 50
City of Fitchburg,	648 52
First District Court, Ayer,	113 96
Squanicook Steamer, Co., for wood,	2 00
Donovan Bros., for South Row school house,	20 25
North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., for heat and janitor service to Jan. 15, 1904,	50 00
North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., rent of hall,	30 00
North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., for rent of banquet hall,	10 00



E. A. Blood, guardian for Arvilla M.	
Adams, on account of board,	\$306 87
E. A. Blood, guardian for Clarissa T.	
Brown, on account of board,	306 87
For board at Worcester,	149 09
For board at Westboro,	169 20
G. L. Whitcomb, for one half of pasture hired with the town,	20 00
Mrs. A. E. Fessenden, for coal used by the fire department at the time her lawn was sprinkled,	1 00
Slate sold,	50
Rent of Buckley house,	7 50
B. H. Laws, butcher's license,	1 00
E. D. Lancey, butcher's license,	1 00
John C. Richards, the interest to be used for perpetual care of John K. Richards lot in West Townsend cemetery,	100 00
Margaret Dobson, the interest to be used in the perpetual care of the Dobson family lot in the Center cemetery,	100 00
Estate of Melborn W. Whitney, the interest to be used in the perpetual care of the Wallace Whitney lot in Center cemetery,	300 00
G. W. Brown, the interest to be used in the perpetual care of the Geo. W. Brown lot in the Center cemetery,	100 00
Wayland Spaulding, Administrator, the interest to be used in the perpetual care of the Daniel Spaulding lot in the Center cemetery,	60 00
A. K. Tyler, highway surveyor, for work done by town men and teams for the Park Commissioners,	50 00

M. O'Brien, balance due on street lighting,	\$78 84
Bridge plank,	3 30
Silas R. Wood, the interest to be used in the perpetual care of the Granville Wood lot in the Center cemetery,	100 00
A. K. Tyler, for gravel,	1 50
O. T. Manning, refunded,	15 60
F. B. Higgins, druggist license,	1 00
F. W. Davis, balance due on street lighting,	70 49
Money borrowed,	13,100 00
A. S. Howard, collector, 1900 taxes,	5 18
A. S. Howard, collector, 1901 taxes,	1,943 00
A. S. Howard, collector, 1901 taxes, addition,	2 00
A. S. Howard, collector, 1902 taxes,	4,064 51
A. S. Howard, collector, 1903 taxes,	14,582 36
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1900 taxes,	1 03
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1901 taxes,	176 81
A. S. Howard, collector, additional 1901 interest,	25
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1902 taxes,	183 40
	<hr/> \$42,521 45

## PAYMENTS

Deposited in City Institution for Savings, Lowell,	\$260 00
Deposited in Home Savings Bank, Boston,	400 00
	<hr/> \$660 00

Town orders, which include state and  
county taxes, national bank tax, and  
part of notes reported due March 1,

1903.	\$41,439 07	
Balance on hand,	422 38	
	<hr/>	\$42,521 45

## COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Due the town from A. S. Howard, collec- tor of taxes, 1899,		\$ 60
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Due the town from A. S. Howard, collec- tor of taxes, 1900,	\$5 73	
Amount collected,	5 18	
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Due the town from A. S. Howard, collec- tor of taxes, 1901,	\$1,953 68	
Amount collected,	1,943 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 68

Addition,	\$ 2 00	
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Due the town from A. S. Howard, collec- tor of taxes, 1902,	\$5,834 54	
Amount collected,	4,064 51	
	<hr/>	\$1,770 03

Amount committed to A. S. Howard, collector, 1903 taxes,	\$19,698 80	
Amount collected,	14 582 36	
	<hr/>	\$5,116 44

Leaving balance due the town March 1, 1904,		\$6,898 30
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## SUSAN EMERY WILSON FUND.

Interest due to Feb. 1, 1904,		\$12 52
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## MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

Balance on hand March 1, 1903,	\$31 20	
Income from Massachusetts school fund,	622 39	
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	\$653 59	
Paid orders as per vouchers of committee,	\$433 65	
Balance on hand March 1, 1904,	<hr/>	\$219 94

A. CLARENCE JOSSELYN. *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above accounts and find them correct.

HENRY A. HILL, *Auditor.*

## LIST OF CEMETERY FUNDS.

R. T. Bartlett,	\$200 00
Charles Emery,	500 00
Edson Adams,	150 00
Henry Warner,	150 00
Mary P. Spaulding,	50 00
James N. Tucker,	500 00
Mary P. Warren,	100 00
Joel Giles,	2,000 00
W. & A. L. Fessenden,	1,000 00
B. F. Lewis,	250 00
Charles E. Powers,	250 00
Dr. Miles Spaulding,	100 00
James Gillis,	150 00
Nathaniel Cummings,	100 00
Caroline Wright,	50 00
Henrietta B. Green,	200 00
John Scales,	500 00
C. F. Daby,	200 00
Francis M. Walker,	150 00
Mary A. Hinds,	100 00

Christiana B. Wheelock,	\$100 00
Mrs. D. B. Needham,	100 00
Lucy H. Scales,	300 00
Sarah M. Ball,	100 00
Abigail S. Spaulding,	100 00
Alvah F. Stickney,	100 00
Samuel S. Spear,	100 00
Martha Adams,	100 00
Mary B. Lawrence,	150 00
Hamor Lewis,	100 00
George W. Brown,	100 00
John K. Richards,	100 00
Margaret Dobson,	100 00
Melbourne W. Whitney,	300 00
Daniel Spaulding,	60 00
	<hr/> \$8,610 00

## CEMETERY FUNDS DEPOSITED AS FOLLOWS:

Deposit book 68,240, Home Savings	
Bank,	\$1,700 00
Deposit book 31,804, Fitchburg Savings	
Bank,	1,000 00
Deposit book 21,536, Worcester North	
Savings Institution,	1,000 00
Deposit book 8.628, Winchendon Sav-	
ings Bank,	1,000 00
Deposit book 383.318, Boston Five Cents	
Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Deposit book 71.873, Franklin Savings	
Bank	1,000 00
Deposit Book 33,949, Holyoke Savings	
Bank,	1,000 00
Deposit book 85,367, City Institution for	
Savings, Lowell,	910 00
	<hr/> \$8,610 00



## INTEREST ON CEMETERY FUNDS RECEIVED.

Balance on hand March 1, 1903,	\$206 26
Worcester North Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1903,	40 40
Fitchburg Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1903,	35 30
Home Savings Bank, interest to April 1, 1903,	45 89
Holyoke Savings Bank, interest to Jan. 1, 1904,	35 30
Winchendon Savings Bank, interest to Nov. 1, 1903,	40 40
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank, interest to Oct. 1, 1903,	35 92
City Institution for Savings, Lowell, Mass., interest to Feb. 1, 1904,	31 55
Franklin Savings Bank, interest to Feb. 1, 1904,	35 30
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	\$506 32
Paid H. B. Hildreth, as per order of Selectmen and Cemetery Commis- sioners,	327 85
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Balance on hand,	\$178 47

A. CLARENCE JOSSELYN. *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above account and find it correct.

HENRY A. HILL, *Auditor.*

## SIDEWALKS AT WEST TOWNSEND.

APPROPRIATION OF 1901.

EXPENDED BY WEST VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

Appropriation,	\$100_00
Paid Bert Phelps, labor,	\$4 50
C. Stickney, men and teams,	37 00
A. P. Farrar, labor,	1 20
Simon Francis, labor,	3 35
J. M. Campbell, labor,	2 00
A. Reed, man and team,	3 80
C. E. Patch, man and team,	7 87
C. M. Proctor, team,	3 00
Clarence Wyman,	2 59
For tile pipe,	1 08
J. C. Hodgman,	12 50
Mrs. Davis, gravel,	5 36
J. F. Thompson, man and team,	8 00
R. McElligott,	7 75
	<hr/> \$100 00

## Townsend Old Home Week Association.

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Townsend, Mass., Jan. 13th, 1903.

In accordance with a call issued by the Townsend Old Home Week committee, a meeting of the citizens was held in the Selectmens' room, Memorial Hall, on the above date at 8 o'clock, p. m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. A. K. Tyler, chairman of the committee.

Voted to form an association to be known as the "Townsend Old Home Week Association."

Voted to adopt the By-laws as presented by the State Old Home Week Association.

Voted and chose Alfred N. Fessenden as President.

Voted and chose Albert S. Howard and Rev. Benjamin A. Willmott as Vice-Presidents.

Voted and chose Geo. A. Wilder as Secretary.

Voted and chose Asa K. Tyler as Treasurer.

Voted and chose Joel S. Cook, Richard McElligott and Bernard L. Beckonert as Executive Committee.

Voted the Acting President and Executive Committee have power to fill all vacancies of Officers or Committees.

Voted to adjourn at 9 o'clock.

G. A. WILDER, Secy.

Soon after this the committee chosen held a meeting and voted: 'That inasmuch as the time is, so short and the amount of work to be done so large, that it be the sense of the meeting that we do not have an Old Home Week celebration this year.'

The Committee feel that an Old Home Week Day is an occasion that we, as a town, should celebrate, thus bringing back old friends and the many pleasant memories clustered around the spot so dear to us all.

A. N. FESSENDEN, President.

# WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Townsend, in said  
County: Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Memorial Hall in Townsend on Monday, April 4th, at 10 o'clock, a. m., A. D. 1904, to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

Art. 2. To accept the printed reports of the officers and committees of the town.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To raise and appropriate money, say how much and how the same shall be expended for highways, bridges, breaking snow paths, removing snow from sidewalks, building sidewalks, support of poor, lighting streets, town officers, general expenses, Memorial Hall, watering trough at Harbor, interest on town debts, insurance, suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, Memorial Day, superintendent of schools under Chapter 431, Acts of 1888, teachers' salaries, school incidentals, tree warden and maintenance of fire department.

Art. 5. To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars for the painting and repairing buildings at town farm.

Art. 6. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of "Old Home Week."

Art. 7. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for Band Concerts.

Art. 8. To raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred (\$400) dollars for new fire hose, same to be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty (\$40) dollars to copy its Vital Statistics for publication, from its incorporation to the year 1850.

Art. 10. To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars to Catalogue its Public Library and meet other incidental expenses connected therewith.

Art. 11. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to install electric lights in the Engine House at Townsend Centre and light the same.

Art. 12. To raise, borrow and appropriate a sum of money to be expended in repairing and improving the School Houses of the town and the outbuildings connected with the same.

Art. 13. To accept as a gift from the Piano Fund association, the Chickering Concert Grand piano now in Memorial hall, subject to the condition that it shall be kept tuned and otherwise properly cared for.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to sell Joslynnville and No. 12 Schoolhouse and land, and use the proceeds of the sale for school purposes.



Art. 15. To act in relation to the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen, Feb. 20, 1904.

Art. 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to take charge of Seminary hall at West Townsend.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to purchase a snow roller and appropriate money for same.

Art. 18. To fix a price per hour for shoveling snow.

Art. 19. To see if the town will place an electric light south of the Railroad Crossing on the street leading south from Worcester's Corner.

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the placing of additional electric lights for street lighting purposes.

Art. 21. To decide whether the money refunded to the town on account of dog licenses shall be used for the public library or schools.

Art. 22. To direct the Tax Collector to charge interest upon all taxes not paid at a specified time.

Art. 23. To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year as shall be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year.

Art. 24. To choose a committee to act with the Selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 25. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

Art. 26. To choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the town with power to employ

counsel.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to construct a Catch Basin near the house of Annice and Martha Gibson and connect same with the Fessenden sewer.

Art. 28. To accept from Silas R. Wood one hundred (\$100) dollars for the perpetual care of lot No. 64 in the cemetery at Townsend Centre, known as the Granville Wood lot.

Art. 29. To accept from the estate of Jane R. Powers one hundred (\$100) dollars in trust, the income thereof to be expended for the perpetual care of the Jane A. Powers lot, No. 28, on east side of Avenue 1 in Centre cemetery.

Art. 30. To accept from Martha S. M. Sanders one hundred (\$100) dollars in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Asa Graham lot in the Centre cemetery.

Art. 31. To accept from Martha S. M. Saunders fifty (\$50) dollars in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the William Sanders lot in the West Townsend cemetery.

Art. 32. To accept from Elsa P. Blood twenty-five (\$25) dollars in trust, the income to be expended for the perpetual care of the Amos O. Blood lot, No. 18, west side of Avenue 1, in Center cemetery.

Or act in any way in relation to any of the foregoing articles.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, at the Memorial Hall at the Center, the Brick Meeting-house in West Townsend, and the Meeting-house in the Harbor, in said Townsend, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk, on or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-first day of March, A. D.  
1904.

GALEN A. PROCTOR,  
BERNARD L. BECKONERT,  
RICH'D McELLIGOTT,  
Selectmen of Townsend.

## BY-LAWS.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Middlesex, ss.

At the superior court within and for the county of Middlesex, Anno Domini 1894.

The following By-laws of the town of Townsend in said county are presented to this court for approval, to wit:

### ARTICLE I. — Town Meetings.

Section 1. The annual town meeting shall be held on the first Monday of April in each year.

Sect. 2. The financial year of the town shall begin on the first day of March in each year.

Sect. 3. The annual report of the town officers shall be distributed, by mail or otherwise, to each resident voter and taxpayer, at least one week before each annual meeting.

Sect. 4. No action shall be had at any town meeting on the report of any committee previously chosen, unless the subject matter shall be specified in the warrant calling such meeting.

### ARTICLE II. — Streets.

Section 1. No person shall pasture any cattle, or other animals, with or without a keeper, in any streets of the town.

Sect. 2. No person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team to any of the trees planted or reserved for shade or ornament in any public highway, street, or public lands in the

town or to any structure put up for the protection of such trees; or, except for necessary repairs, drive into such trees or structures any nails, spikes, hooks or staples, or affix any signboards thereto.

Sect. 3. No owner or person for the time having the care or use of any horse or other beast of burden, shall ride, drive or permit the same to go at a faster rate than ten miles an hour in any street or public highway of the town, except in case of sickness, death, accident or fire.

Sect. 4. No person shall place or cause to be placed in any public street or way of the town any rubbish, ashes or garbage, except for the purpose of immediate removal therefrom.

Sect. 5. No person shall make any marks or post any bills upon any wall, fence, post, tree, bridge or other structure within the limits of any street or public highway in said town, without having first obtained permission in writing from the Selectmen.

Sect. 6. No person shall make any bonfire in any of the streets, public highways or public lands or commons of the town.

Sect. 7. No person shall coast, course or slide down, in or along any of the sidewalks, streets; or public ways of the town, except at such places and under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen shall first designate and specify in writing.

Sect. 8. No person shall play at ball, or throw ball, stones, sticks or other missiles within any of the streets or public ways of the town; or do the same in any of the public grounds of the town, without permission of the Selectmen first obtained in writing; but this section shall not apply to any of the grounds connected with any of the school buildings of said



town.

Sect. 9. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or firearms, or set fire to any materials known as fireworks, or throw any such lighted fireworks in, into or across any of the streets, public ways or sidewalks of the town.

Sect. 10. Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding sections of this article shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each and every offense. to be recovered by complaint before any trial justice or district court in the county of Middlesex having jurisdiction.

Sect. 11. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen, Constables and Police officers to prosecute, and any person injured may prosecute any violations of any of the preceding sections of this article, by complaint as hereinbefore mentioned, providing, however, that all prosecutions shall be commenced within one month from the date of such violation.

Sect. 12. All penalties recovered for violation of any of the preceding sections of this article shall be paid into the treasury of the town, to be applied to such use as the town from time to time shall direct.

Which said By-laws being seen and understood by the court, are on this twenty-eighth day of March, A. D. 1894, approved.

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy of record, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said court, this thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1894.

JOHN L. AMBROSE, Assistant Clerk.

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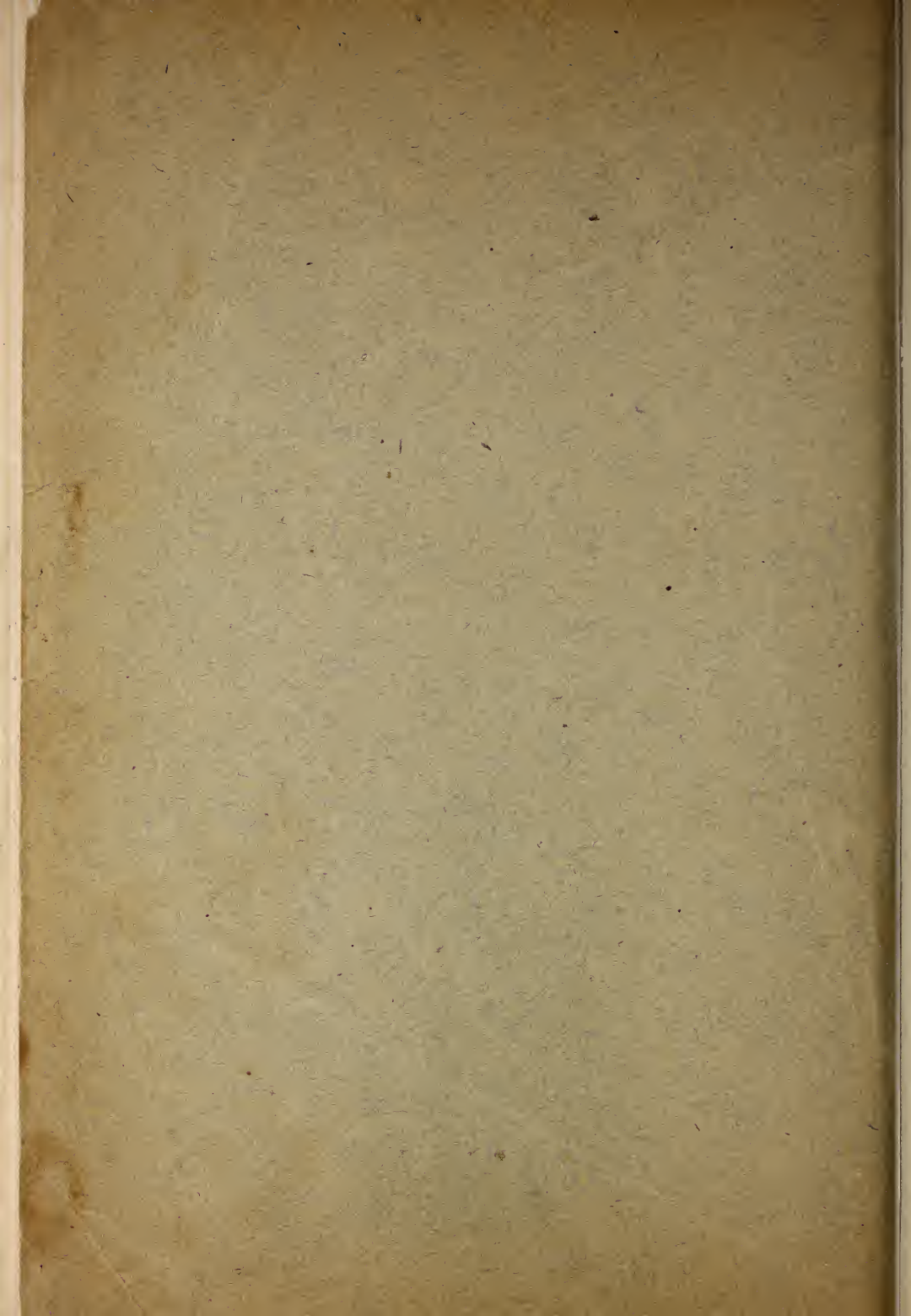
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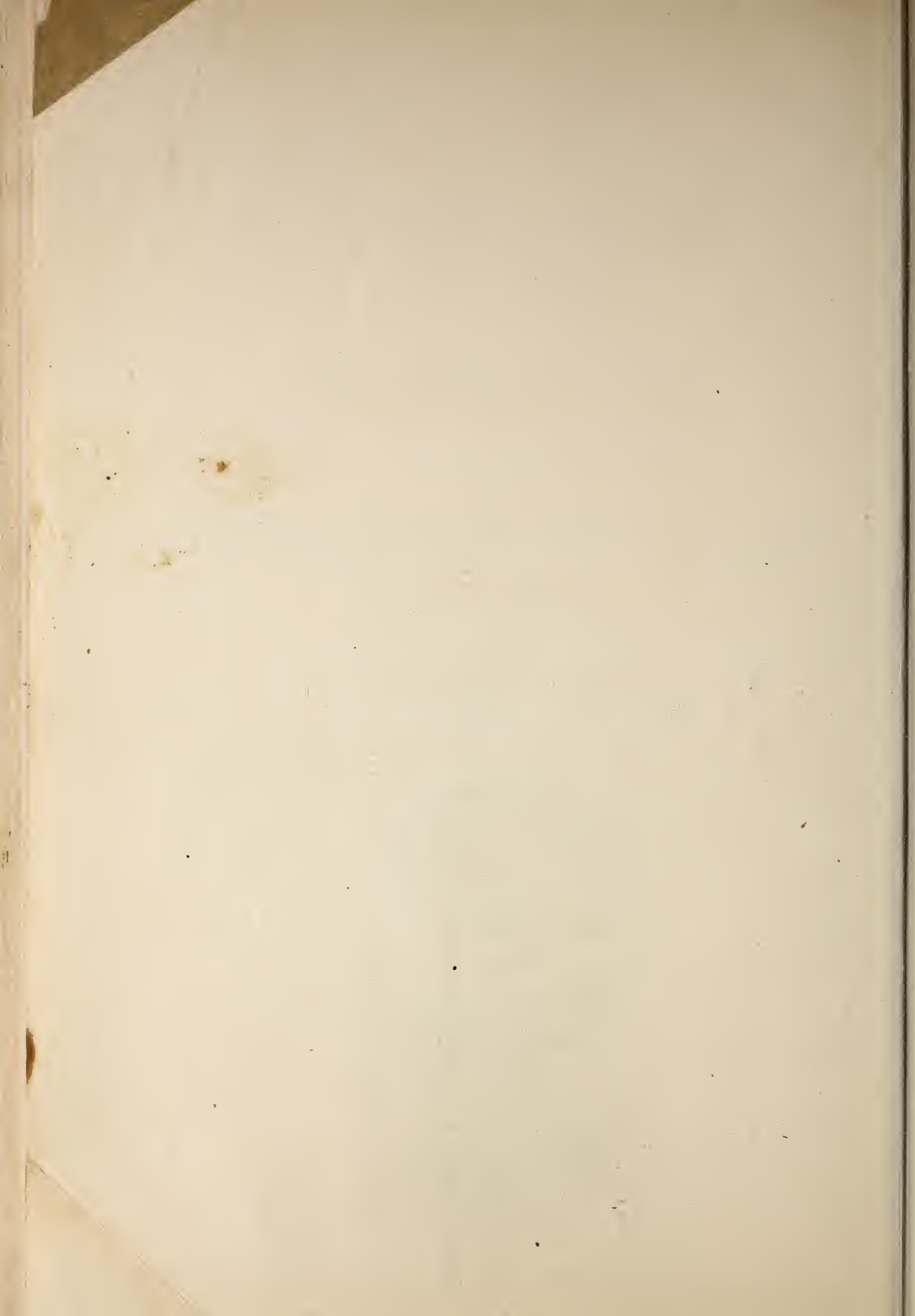
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# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

### ELECTED AND QUALIFIED.

*Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor and Board of Health.*

Bernard L. Beckonert,                      Richard McElligott,  
A. Clarence Josselyn.

*Town Clerk and Treasurer.*

George A. Wilder.

*School Committee.*

Julian W. Eastman, term expires April, 1905.

Alexander Reed, term expires April, 1905.

Vernal Barber, term expires April, 1905.

George A. Wilder, term expires April, 1906.

Charles F. Worcester, term expires April, 1906.

Frank M. Warren, term expires April, 1906.

Albert S. Howard, term expires April, 1907.

George L. Whitcomb, term expires April, 1907.

Lewis A. Eaton, term expires April, 1907.



## TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

*Constables.*

Frank J. Knight,      Michael O'Brien,      Fred A. Patch.

*Highway Surveyors.*

John E. Donovan,      Thomas J. Smith,      Asa K. Tyler.

*Tax Collector.*

Albert S. Howard.

*Auditors.*

Henry A. Hill,      William H. Lang,      Everett W. Seaver.

*Sextons.*

James L. Farrar,      Justin C. Hodgman.

*Trustees of Public Library.*

Oliyer Proctor, term expires April, 1905.

Benjamin A. Willmott, term expires April, 1906.

Evelyn L. Warren, term expires April, 1907.

*Cemetery Commissioners.*

Henry B. Hildreth, term expires April, 1905.

George A. Wilder, term expires April, 1906.

Wilbur Z. Sherwin, term expires April, 1907.

*Tree Warden.*

Joel S. Cook.

*Park Commissioners.*

William A. Russell, term expires April, 1905.

Charles F. Worcester, term expires April, 1906.

Alfred N. Fessenden, term expires April, 1907.

TOWN OFFICERS.

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*Public Weighers.*

George A. Adams,	T. James Harvey,
A Clarence Josselyn,	Leander C. Jefts,
William M. Lawrence,	William H. Lang,
Harry L. Whitcomb.	

*Cullers of Hoops and Staves.*

William F. Heselton.	Alvah F. Stickney,
Harry L. Whitcomb.	

*Fence Viewers.*

Joel S. Cook.	Edward A. Craig,	Henry H. Jennerson.
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*Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber.*

George A. Adams,	Edward B. Morse,
George G. Clarke,	Beniah H. Savage,
William M. Lawrence,	Alvah F. Stickney,
William H. Lang,	Harry L. Whitcomb.

*Committee on Suppression of Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.*

Benjamin A. Willmott,	T. James Harvey,	Joel S. Cook,
Walter E. Bruce,	Herbert D. Thomas,	
Galen A. Proctor.		

OFFICERS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

*Registrars of Voters.*

George A. Wilder, *Clerk of Board.*

John M. Coffey, term expires April, 1905.

Herman L. Stickney, term expires April, 1906.

Irving A. Seaver, term expires April, 1907.

*Forest Fire Wards.*

Bernard L. Beckonert,	Byron H. Laws,
Moses Blood,	Fred S. Palfreyman,
George H. Brackett,	Benjamin W. Parker,
Joel S. Cook,	Fred A. Patch,
John B. Clarke,	Galen A. Proctor,
John E. Donovan,	Thomas J. Smith,
Warren D. Hinds,	Charles S. Wyman,
Charles R. F. Warner.	

*Agents of Board of Health.*

Albert J. Atwood,	Richard S. Ely,
Henry B. Boynton,	John N. Goings,
Luther G. Chandler,	George A. Wilder.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

Frederick J. Piper.

*To have charge of the burial of honorably discharged soldiers or sailors who may die in Townsend, without leaving sufficient means to defray funeral expenses.*

Levi T. Parker.

*Inspector of Animals and Provisions.*

John N. Goings.

*Field Drivers.*

Frank J. Knight,	Michael O'Brien,	Fred A. Patch.
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*Board of Engineers.*

Timothy E. Flarity, <i>Chief,</i>	Frank J. Knight,
Alfred N. Fessenden,	Charles T. McDormond,
Frank N. Greenleaf,	Joseph F. Thompson.

TOWN OFFICERS.

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*Ballot Clerks.*

John A. Arlin,

William H. Lang.

*Tellers.*

R. A. Lancey,

C. E. Streeter,  
Alexander Reed.

John J. Piper,

*Licensed Inn Holder.*

Frank B. Farwell.

*Licensed Auctioneers.*

Lendall U. Clement,  
Richard McElligott,  
Beniah H. Savage,

Charles T. McDormond,  
Lawrence Morgan,  
Vernal Barber.

*Licensed Undertakers.*

James L. Farrar,

Miletus Gleason.

*Licensed Butchers.*

Edward D. Lancey,

Byron H. Laws.

*Licensed to Keep Four or More Horses in One Stable.*

U. S. Adams,  
George A. Ballou,  
Daniel Campbell,  
Jerry Donovan,  
Anson D. Fessenden.

James L. Farrar,  
Harry L. Kelly,  
Granville Pierce,  
Charles M. Proctor,  
Clarence Stickney,

George L. Whitcomb.

*Deputy Tree Warden.*

John M. Campbell.

## TOWN MEETINGS, 1904.

ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT AND ACTION OF THE TOWN  
UNDER EACH ARTICLE.

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### TOWN MEETING APRIL 4, 1904.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

Voted and chose for Moderator: T. E. Flarity.

ART. 2. To accept the printed reports of the officers and committees of the town.

Voted to accept the reports of the town officers and committees as printed.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees of the town for the ensuing year.

Voted and chose for Town Clerk: G. A. Wilder.

Voted and chose for Selectmen: B. L. Beckonert, Richard McElligott, A. C. Josselyn.

Voted not to choose a Board of Assessors this year.

Voted and chose for Town Treasurer: G. A. Wilder.

Voted and chose for School Committee for three years: George L. Whitcomb, Albert S. Howard, Lewis A. Eaton.

Voted the chair appoint a committee of three to receive proposals for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

Committee appointed: Alvah F. Stickney, John N. Going, Edgar W. Upton.

Voted and chose for Constables: Michael O'Brien, Fred A. Patch, Frank J. Knight.



Voted article 25 be made a special order of business for 2 o'clock.

Voted to choose three Highway Surveyors.

Voted and chose for Highway Surveyors: A. K. Tyler, Thomas J. Smith, John E. Donovan.

Committee to receive proposals for collection of taxes for ensuing year reported that G. L. Whitcomb would collect for 10 per cent. and A. S. Howard for 1 per cent.

Voted to accept the report.

Voted and chose for Tax Collector: A. S. Howard.

Voted and chose for Auditors: E. W. Seaver, H. A. Hill, W. H. Lang.

Voted and chose for Sextons: J. L. Farrar, Justin C. Hodgman.

Voted and chose for Trustee of Public Library for three years: Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren.

Voted and chose for Cemetery Commissioner for three years: Wilbur Z. Sherwin.

Voted and chose for Tree Warden: Joel S. Cook.

Voted and chose for Park Commissioner for three years: A. N. Fessenden.

Voted to adjourn until one o'clock.

Meeting was called to order at 1 o'clock.

Moved to proceed to ballot for Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted the matter be laid on the table until the arrival of Judge Worcester.

Voted and chose for Public Weighers: G. A. Adams, A. C. Josselyn, W. M. Lawrence, T. J. Harvey, L. C. Jefts, W. H. Lang, H. L. Whitcomb.

Voted and chose for Cullers of Hoops and Staves: W. F. Heselton, A. F. Stickney, H. L. Whitcomb.

Voted and chose for Fence Viewers: J. S. Cook, E. A. Craig, H. H. Jennerson.

Voted and chose for Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber: G. A. Adams, G. G. Clarke, W. M. Lawrence, W. H. Lang, E. B. Morse, B. H. Savage, A. F. Stickney, H. L. Whitcomb.

Voted to choose a committee of 6 to act with the Selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Voted the committee be elected in the same manner as last year.

Voted and chose T. J. Harvey a member of the committee.

Voted and chose A. S. Howard a member of the committee.

Voted the matter as it now stands be laid on the table and a committee of 3 be appointed by the chair to present a list of names for a committee to act with the Selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Committee appointed: B. L. Beckonert, B. A. Willmott, W. D. Hinds.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to require of all bonded officers of the town a new bond at the commencement of each term of service for which they are elected.

Voted that all future annual reports of the town, before they are printed, shall require the approval of at least two of the Auditors of the town

Motion to "Proceed to the election of a Sealer of Weights and Measures", previously tabled, was taken up.

Voted the matter be laid on the table.

A. S. Howard resigned as a member of the liquor committee. Voted to accept his resignation.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate money, say how much and how the same shall be expended for highways, bridges, breaking snow paths, removing snow from sidewalks, building sidewalks support of poor, lighting streets, town officers, general expenses, Memorial Hall, watering trough at Harbor,

interest on town debts, insurance, suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, Memorial Day, Superintendent of schools under Chap. 431, Acts of 1888, teachers' salaries, school incidentals, tree warden and maintenance of fire department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums;—

Highways and bridges,	\$2,000 00
Snow paths,	200 00
Sidewalks,	200 00

To be expended by Highway Surveyors.

Support of poor,	\$1,500 00
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To be expended by Overseers of Poor.

Town officers,	\$600 00
General expenses,	600 00
Memorial Hall,	300 00
Interest,	500 00
Suppression of illegal sale of liquor,	200 00
Watering trough at the Harbor,	5 00
Insurance,	55 00
Painting and repairing buildings at town farm,	300 00
Placing electric lights in engine house at the Center,	100 00
Copying vital statistics,	40 00

To be expended by the Selectmen.

School teachers,	\$3,500 00
School Superintendent,	450 00
School incidentals,	2,000 00
Repairs on school buildings,	500 00

To be expended by school committee.

Memorial Day,	\$125 00
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To be expended by Memorial Association.

Fire department incidentals,	\$250 00
Fire department at Center and West Townsend,	400 00
Teams to fires,	50 00
Chief Engineer,	25 00

New hose,	\$400 00
To be expended by Board of Engineers.	
Lighting streets,	\$750 00
To be expended by the Constables.	
Tree warden.	\$100 00
To be expended by the Tree Warden.	
Old Home Week.	\$300 00
To be expended by Home Week Committee.	
Band concerts.	\$200 00
To be expended by the officers of the band.	
To catalogue Public Library,	\$250 00
To be expended by Trustees of Library.	
To construct a catch basin near the house of Annice and Martha Gilson,	\$50 00
To be expended by the Highway Surveyors.	
Voted to take up Article 12.	

ART. 12. To raise, borrow and appropriate a sum of money to be expended in repairing and improving the school houses of the town and the out-buildings connected with the same.

Voted to raise the sum of \$500 00, and to borrow the further sum of \$3,500.00, and to authorize the town treasurer to issue notes, countersigned by the selectmen for the latter sum, \$500.00 thereof to be payable each year, with interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend, and to place the \$4,000 00 thus raised and borrowed at the disposal of the school committee, to be by it used in repairing, improving and refurnishing school house buildings of the town, and said committee is hereby authorized, in behalf of the town, to enter into all contracts proper for such purposes.

A rising vote was taken. 16 against the motion and 47 for the motion.

Voted to take up Article 25.

ART. 25. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question :  
"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors  
in this town?"

Voted not to license the sale of intoxicating liquors ;  
No, 86, Yes, 4.

Committee to bring in a list of names for a committee to  
act with the selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale  
of intoxicating liquors presented the following names :—  
Benjamin A. Willmott, T. James Harvey, Joel S. Cook,  
Galen A. Proctor, Walter E. Bruce, Herbert D. Thomas.

Voted to accept the report and that the names presented  
be a committee to act with the selectmen in the suppression  
of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00  
for painting and repairing buildings at the town farm.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the  
painting and repairing buildings at town farm.

ART. 6. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for  
the observance of "Old Home Week."

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the  
observance of Old Home Week.

ART. 7. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for  
Band Concerts.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for  
Band Concerts, the same to be expended by the officers of the  
Band.

ART. 8. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for



new fire hose, same to be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for new fire hose, the same to be expended by the Board of Engineers.

ART. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 to copy its vital statistics for publication, from its incorporation to the year 1850.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 to copy the vital statistics of the town from its incorporation to the year 1850.

Voted that one copy be kept in the town vault.

Voted that the vote under Article 9 be printed and posted in the town vault.

ART. 10. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to catalogue its Public Library and meet other incidental expenses connected therewith.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to catalogue the Public Library and meet other incidental expenses connected therewith, the same to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Library.

ART. 11. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to install electric lights in the Engine House at Townsend Center and light the same.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to install electric lights in the Engine House at the Center and light the same, to be expended by the Board of Engineers.

ART. 13 To accept as a gift from the Piano Fund Association the Chickering Concert Grand Piano now in Memorial Hall, subject to the condition that it shall be kept tuned and otherwise properly cared for.

Report of Piano Fund Committee was read by the Clerk.

Voted to accept from the Piano Fund Association the Chickering Concert Grand Piano now in Memorial Hall, subject to the condition that it shall be kept tuned and otherwise properly cared for.

Voted that the report of the Piano Fund Committee as read by the Town Clerk be spread on the records.

#### REPORT OF THE TOWNSEND PIANO FUND ASSOCIATION.

Early in June, 1894, a public call was issued, asking citizens of the town who were interested in purchasing a piano for the new Memorial Hall, which was about to be dedicated, to meet in the Selectmen's Room, Engine Hall, June 6, 1894, to consider ways and means to procure a suitable piano to be paid for by voluntary contributions, the same to be presented to the town when paid for.

The following persons were present: A. D. Fessenden, A. L. Fessenden, H. N. Spaulding, E. A. Flagg, H. B. Hildreth, R. A. Lancey, G. A. Wilder, E. J. Sartelle, and T. E. Flarity.

It was voted to form an association to be known as the Piano Fund Association, and the following agreement was drawn up and signed by all present.

"We, the undersigned, members of the Townsend Piano Fund Association, hereby agree to hold ourselves jointly and severally responsible for the purchase and payment of the piano for the new Memorial Hall, the estimated cost and expense of which will be about \$525 co."

The following officers were elected: President, T. E. Flarity, Secretary, G. A. Wilder, Treasurer, H. N. Spaulding, E. A. Flagg, R. A. Lancey and G. A. Wilder were chosen a committee of three to purchase a concert grand

piano to be placed in Memorial Hall in season for the dedication exercises.

This committee after careful investigation, purchased the Chickering Concert Grand Piano which is now in the Hall. The original price of this piano was \$1,100.00, but it having been used for three months by the Handel and Hayden Society, of Boston, the piano was sent to the factory and restrung and the case was refinished, so that it was as good as new in every respect. This was purchased for \$600.00, and after many discouraging circumstances has been paid for in full.

In accordance with the original intention of the Association, the piano is hereby tendered as a gift to the town. The committee hope that the people of the town will derive as much enjoyment from the piano, in the future, as they who have labored hard to raise the funds to pay for it take pleasure in presenting it. With the piano are two stools and a cover.

For the purpose of making the record of the actual cost of the piano complete, the committee would further say that the total amount paid on account of the piano, including interest on money borrowed, insurance, stool and covers, also cash paid for tuning and repairs, is about \$700.00.

There is a balance of \$6 50 in the hands of the treasurer of the association, which has been collected for rent of the piano; this amount the association has voted to present to the trustees of the library to be used for the benefit of the library in such manner as the trustees deem best.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. Fessenden,

H. N. Spaulding

E. A. Flagg,

H. B. Hildreth,

R. A. Lancey,

G. A. Wilder,

E. J. Sartelle,

T. E. Flarity.

Voted to extend to the Piano Fund Association and to all who have labored so hard for the payment of the piano a vote of thanks for their work.

Voted to extend to the Piano Fund Association a vote of thanks for the money donated to the library.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to sell Josslynville and No. 12 school houses and land and use the proceeds of the sale for school purposes.

Voted to authorize the School Committee to sell Josslynville and No. 12 school houses and land, and use the proceeds of the sale for school purposes, and that the Treasurer be authorized and instructed to give proper deeds therefor.

ART. 15. To act in relation to the jury list as revised by the Selectmen, Feb. 20, 1904.

The Jury list as revised by the Selectmen, Feb. 20, 1904, was read by the Moderator.

G. L. Whitcomb, Frank Weston and A. J. Manchester asked that their names be taken from the list.

Voted to grant their request.

Voted to accept the jury list as it now stands.

#### JURY LIST.

Arlin, John A.  
Ballou, George A.  
Campbell, Morton A.  
Cooper, William A.  
Dobson, John  
Donovan, Jerry  
Eastman, George E.  
Frye, George M.  
Farnsworth, Frank P.  
Farrar, Frank R.  
Gillis, Samuel

King, George E.  
Knight, Frank J.  
Palfreyman, Fred S.  
Piper, Frederick J.  
Patch, Fred A.  
Reed, Alexander  
Stickney, Charles B.  
Stickney, Herman L.  
Smith, Joseph R.  
Savage, Beniah H.  
Willard, James A.

Welch, Morris C.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to take charge of Seminary Hall at West Townsend.

Voted that Seminary Hall remain in charge of the School Committee, but that when the Hall is used for any purpose the proceeds of which are to go for the improvement of the premises, or when the Hall is used for educational or charitable purposes by the people of the Village there shall be no charge made for its use; and the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to reimburse the School Committee, out of any unappropriated funds in his hands, for any expense incurred in this connection; and when the Hall is used by the people of the Village for social purposes the charge made shall be only sufficient to cover the actual expense of janitor, lights and fuel.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be instructed to refund \$11.43 or such sum as was paid by them, to the Dramatic Club of West Townsend, the same being the amount paid by them for use of Seminary Hall while electric lights were being installed.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to purchase a Snow Roller and appropriate money for same.

Voted to refer the matter to a committee of three to investigate and report at the next town meeting.

Committee appointed: A. K. Tyler, G. L. Whitcomb, G. H. Brown.

ART. 18. To fix a price per hour for shoveling snow.

Voted to fix the price for shoveling snow at 20 cents per hour.

ART. 19. To see if the town will place an electric light south of the railroad crossing on the street leading south from Worcester's corner.



Voted to instruct the Selectmen to place an electric light south of the railroad crossing on the street leading from Worcester's corner.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize the placing of additional electric lights for street lighting purposes.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to place three additional electric lights on Brookline Street.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to place one electric light on Highland Street, between the corner of Bow Street and Mr. Stearns' house.

Voted to refer the matter of placing additional electric lights for street lighting purposes to the Selectmen with instructions to report at the next town meeting.

Voted that Edgar W. Upton be added to the committee.

Voted to reconsider the votes whereby it was voted to place additional electric lights for street lighting purposes.

Question recurred to the original motion under Article 19.

Voted not to place an electric light south of the railroad crossing on the street leading south from Worcester's corner.

Question then recurred to the motion under Article 20.

Voted not to place an electric light on Highland Street between the corner of Bow Street and Mr. Stearns' house.

Voted not to place three additional electric lights on Brookline Street.

Voted to refer the whole matter of placing additional electric lights for street lighting purposes on the streets of the town to the Selectmen and E. W. Upton, with instructions to report at the next town meeting.

ART. 21. To decide whether the money refunded to the town on account of dog licenses shall be used for the public library or schools.

Voted that the money refunded to the town on account of

dog licenses be used for the Public Library.

ART. 22. To direct the Tax Collector to charge interest upon all taxes not paid at a specified time.

Voted that the Tax Collector be directed to charge 6 per cent. interest on all taxes not paid December 1, 1904.

ART. 23. To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year as shall be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year.

Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the town of Townsend, in anticipation of taxes of the municipal year, the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the Selectmen of said town, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to \$10,000.00, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent. per annum, the said debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans as aforesaid to be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

ART. 26. To choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the town with power to employ counsel.

Voted that the Selectmen act as agents of the town to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the town with power to employ counsel.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to construct a catch basin near the house of Annice and Martha Gilson and connect same with the Fessenden sewer.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to construct a catch basin near the house of Annice and Martha Gilson, and connect the same with the Fessenden sewer, the same to be expended by the Highway Surveyors.

ART. 28. To accept from Silas R. Wood \$100.00 for the perpetual care of lot No. 64 in the cemetery at Townsend Center, known as the Granville Wood lot.

Voted to accept from Silas R. Wood \$100.00 for the perpetual care of lot No. 64 in the cemetery at Townsend Center.

ART. 29. To accept from the estate of Jane A. Powers \$100.00, in trust the income thereof to be expended for the perpetual care of the Jane A. Powers lot No. 28, on East side of Avenue 1 in Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from the estate of Jane A. Powers \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended for the perpetual care of the Jane A. Powers lot No. 28, on East side of Avenue 1 in Center cemetery.

ART. 30. To accept from Martha S. M. Sanders \$100.00 in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Asa Graham lot in the Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from Martha S. M. Sanders \$100.00, in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Asa Graham lot in the Center cemetery.

ART. 31. To accept from Martha S. M. Sanders \$50.00, in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the William Sanders lot in the West Townsend cemetery.

Voted to accept from Martha S. M. Sanders \$50.00, in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the William Sanders lot in the West Townsend cemetery.

ART. 32. To accept from Elsie P. Blood \$25.00. in trust, the income to be expended for the perpetual care of the Amos O. Blood lot, No. 18, West side Avenue 1 in Center cemetery,

Voted to accept from Elsie P. Blood \$25.00, in trust, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Amos O. Blood lot, No. 18, West side Avenue 1 in Center cemetery.

Voted the Treasurer be instructed to pay T. E. Flarity the sum of \$5.00 for his services as Moderator this day.

Voted the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a committee of one or more to carry out the vote under Article 9.

Meeting was adjourned at four o'clock, P. M.

T. E. FLARITY, *Moderator.*

Attest: G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*

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TOWN MEETING, MAY 23, 1904.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

Voted and chose T. E. Flarity as Moderator.

ART. 2. To hear report of committee on street lighting.

B. L. Beckonert, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, made a verbal report for the committee, and stated that the committee did not think it was advisable to place any additional electric lights on the streets of the town this year.

Voted to accept the report of the committee.

ART. 3. To see if the town will appropriate money for painting the cemetery fence at West Townsend, and say how much.

Voted that the sum of \$15.00 be appropriated for painting the cemetery fence at West Townsend, the same to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Commissioners.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to purchase a suitable lot in West Townsend and erect thereon a modern, up-to-date school building, and raise or borrow and appropriate money therefor, instead of spending any considerable sum in repairing and refurnishing the old building.

Voted that the matter in relation to the building of a new school building at West Townsend and repairs on the old building be referred back to the School Committee with instructions to report at some future meeting as to what in their judgment would be best for the needs of the town.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to instruct the Constables and Police of the town to arrest and place in confinement any person or persons who are in an intoxicated condition in the streets or public ways of the town, or who are in any way violating the peace and good order of the town.

Meeting was adjourned at nine o'clock P. M.

T. E. FLARITY, *Moderator.*

Attest: G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*



## TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 1904.

## STATE ELECTION.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

John A. Arlin and Wm. H. Lang were sworn as Ballot Clerks, and R. A. Lancey, C. E. Streeter, J. J. Piper, and Alexander Reed were sworn as Tellers.

All the preliminaries of the law having been complied with, the Official Ballots were placed in the hands of the Ballot Clerks, and the voting began.

The meeting in town affairs was called at 2 o'clock P. M. and the articles of the Warrant acted upon as follows:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

Voted and chose G. L. Whitcomb as Moderator.

ART. 2. To hear report of committee on snow roller.

The committee on snow roller made a verbal report and recommended the purchase of a snow roller with metallic ends, the estimated cost of which would be about \$100.00.

Voted to accept the report of the committee.

Voted to purchase a snow roller.

Voted the same committee (A. K. Tyler, G. H. Brown, G. L. Whitcomb,) be empowered to purchase such a snow roller as in their judgment may seem best.

Voted the Town appropriate the sum of \$100 00 with which to purchase a snow roller.

Voted the Selectmen be instructed to notify the Highway Surveyors when and on what streets and highways of the Town the snow roller shall be used.

ART. 3. To authorize the Town Treasurer to release and convey to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, of Ayer, any interest the Town appears to have, or any right it may hereafter acquire, under the will of Levi Wallace to certain Real Estate at Lexington, Mass., described in deed under power of sale in Mortgage to Levi Wallace, dated October 25, 1894, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 2317, Page 521.

Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, in consideration of one dollar, to release and convey to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, of Ayer, any interest the Town appears to have, or any right it may hereafter acquire, under the will of Levi Wallace to certain Real Estate at Lexington, Mass., described, in deed under power of sale in Mortgage to Levi Wallace, dated October 25, 1894, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 2517, Page 521.

ART. 4. To accept from the Estate of James Gilson, \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended in the perpetual care of the James Gilson lot in Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from the Estate of Jame Gilson \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended in the perpetual care of the James Gilson lot in the Center cemetery.

ART. 5. To accept from Elmina K. Spaulding \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended in the perpetual care of the Samuel Spaulding lot in Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from the Estate of Elmina K. Spaulding \$100 00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended in the perpetual care of the Samuel Spaulding lot in the Center cemetery.

ART. 6. To accept from Jessie M. Webster, Adm'x,

\$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended in the perpetual care of the E. M. Taylor lot in the Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from Jessie M. Webster, Adm'x, \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended in the perpetual care of the E. M. Taylor lot in the Center cemetery.

ART. 7. To accept from the Estate of Ezra Hinds \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended in the perpetual care of the Ezra Hinds lot in Center cemetery.

Voted to accept from the Estate of Ezra Hinds, \$100.00, in trust, the income thereof to be expended in the perpetual care of the Ezra Hinds lot in the Center cemetery.

ART. 8. To accept from the West Townsend Dramatic Club the electric light fixtures placed in Seminary Hall at West Townsend.

Voted to accept from the West Townsend Dramatic Club the electric light fixtures placed in Seminary Hall at West Townsend.

Voted that a vote of thanks be extended to the West Townsend Dramatic Club for their generous gift of the electric light fixtures placed by them in Seminary Hall.

The meeting in town affairs was adjourned at 3 o'clock.

The polls were closed at 4.10 o'clock P. M.

The check lists and ballot box were compared and it was ascertained that 325 persons were checked as having voted.

The ballots were counted and official declaration of the result was made in open meeting, as follows :—

## ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

S. L. CORREGAN and COX, had 1 vote.

At Large, Frederick A. Nagler, of Springfield,

Charles N. Wentworth, of Lynn,

By Districts—

- 1 Herman Keopke, of Pittsfield,
- 2 Henry Noffke, of Holyoke,
- 3 John A. Fredrickson, of Worcester,
- 4 John A. Anderson, of Gardner,
- 5 John Kenny, of Lawrence,
- 6 James F. Dailey, of Haverhill,
- 7 Edwin S. Mayo, of Everett,
- 8 John J. Wall, of Cambridge,
- 9 James F. Stevens, of Boston,
- 10 John E. Eustace, of Peabody,
- 11 George Nelson, of Boston,
- 12 Carl D. K. Fredrickson, of Hopedale,
- 13 Dennis McGoff. of New Bedford,
- 14 Frank Bohmbach, of Boston.

S. DEBS and HANFORD, had 1 vote.

At Large, John Eills. of Haverhill,

Howard A. Gibbs, of Worcester,

By Districts—

- 1 Edgar N. Whittaker, of Holyoke,
- 2 Alva E. Fenton, of Springfield,
- 3 Louis F. Weiss, of Worcester,
- 4 Ernest C. Irish, of Waltham.
- 5 John B. Cameron, of Lawrence,
- 6 Parkman B. Flanders, of Haverhill,
- 7 Alfred B. Outram, of Chelsea,
- 8 Charles W. White of Somerville,
- 9 George W. Galvin, of Boston,
- 10 Daniel W. Gorman, of Quincy,

- 11 Jacob Haertl, of Boston,
- 12 Herbert Mosman, of Stoughton,
- 13 Jeremiah J. Sullivan, of Fall River,
- 14 Charles E. Lowell, of Whitman.

D. PARKER and DAVIS had 54 votes.

At Large, Patrick A. Collins, of Boston,  
Henry W. Ely, of Westfield.

By Districts—

- 1 Robert Abercrombie, of Greenfield,
- 2 William P. Hayes, of Springfield,
- 3 James E. Estabrook, of Worcester,
- 4 Herbert H. Lyons, of Fitchburg,
- 5 Peter J. Brady, of Lowell,
- 6 Willian B. Sullivan, of Danvers,
- 7 Charles J. Barton, of Melrose,
- 8 John H. H. McNamee, of Cambridge,
- 9 Emery D. Leighton, of Boston.
- 10 Lawrence J. Logan, of Boston,
- 11 John H. Lee, of Boston,
- 12 James E. Cotter, of Hyde Park,
- 13 Charles S. Ashley, of New Bedford,
- 14 Thomas C. Thacher, of Yarmouth.

R. ROOSEVELT and FAIRBANKS, had 235 votes.

At Large, William W. Crapo, of New Bedford,  
Edwin U. Curtis, of Boston.

By Districts—

- 1 Robert M. Woods of Hatfield.
- 2 Norman P. Wood, of Northfield,
- 3 Calvin D. Paige, of Southbridge,
- 4 Walter Perley Hall, of Fitchburg,
- 5 Newton P. Frye, of North Andover,
- 6 George H. Dole, of Haverhill,



- 7 Clarence T. Fernald, of Melrose,
- 8 George W. Perkins, of Somerville,
- 9 Francis L. Auld, of Boston,
- 10 Milton C. Paige, of Boston,
- 11 Thomas Sherwin, of Boston,
- 12 Abbott E. French, of Canton,
- 13 Benjamin Anthony, of New Bedford,
- 14 William A. Nye, of Bourne.

P. SWALLOW and CARROLL, had 14 votes.

At Large, Napoleon B. Johnson, of Milford,  
William H. Partridge, of Newton.

By Districts—

- 1 Wilbur M. Purrington, of Williamsburg,
- 2 Alfred H. Evans, of Northampton,
- 3 Richard D. Murphy, of Worcester,
- 4 Alfred L. Cutting, of Weston,
- 5 George E. Batchelder, of Lynnfield,
- 6 James F. Pease, of Merrimac,
- 7 Henry A. Smith, of Stoneham,
- 8 Joseph B. Bent, of Somerville,
- 9 William H. Park, of Boston,
- 10 Roland F. Alger, of Boston,
- 11 Hiram B. Cross, of Boston,
- 12 William H. Cobb, of Newton.
- 13 Charles A. Chace, of Swansea,
- 14 Daniel F. Chessman, of Sandwich.

P. P. WATSON and TIBBLES, had 1 vote.

At Large, E. Gerry Brown, of Brockton,  
George E. McNeill, of Cambridge.

By Districts—

- 1
- 2 Alvin M. Shaw, of East Longmeadow.

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- 3 Francis Leander King, of Worcester,
- 4
- 5 Horace B. Foster, of North Andover,
- 6 Benjamin Potter, of Swampscott,
- 7 Levi R. Pierce, of Lynn,
- 8 G. Leonard McNeill, of Somerville,
- 9 Henry Lemon, of Boston,
- 10 Asa F. Hall, of Milton,
- 11 Phinehas P. Field, of Boston,
- 12 George F. Washburn, of Westwood,
- 13
- 14 Thomas S. Hodgson, of Middleborough.

Blanks,

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## FOR GOVERNOR.

S.	John Quincy Adams, of Amesbury,	had	1	vote.
R.	John L. Bates, of Boston.	"	192	votes.
S. L.	Michael T. Berry, of Lynn,	"	2	"
P.	Oliver W. Cobb, of Easthampton,	"	11	"
D.	William L. Douglas, of Brockton.	"	88	"
Blanks,			31	

## FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

S.	Olof Bokelund, of Worcester,	had	2	votes,
D.	John C. Crosby, of Pittsfield.	"	62	"
P.	Frank P. Dyer, of Arlington,	"	13	"
R.	Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston,	"	194	"
S. L.	Moritz E. Ruther, of Holyoke,	"	0	"
Blanks			54	

## FOR SECRETARY.

S. L.	James A. Bresnahan, of Cambridge,	had	1	vote.
P.	Fannie J. Clary, of Williamsburg,	"	15	votes.

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S.	Charles C. Hitchcock, of Ware,	had	0	votes.
D.	Henry B. Little, of Newburyport,	"	48	"
R.	William M. Olin, of Boston,	"	201	"
Blanks,			60	

## FOR TREASURER.

S.	Hubert C. Bartlett, of Fitchburg,	had	2	votes.
R.	Arthur B. Chapin, of Holyoke,	"	195	"
D.	Edmund D. Codman, of Boston.	"	48	"
S. L.	Andrew Mortensen, of Somerville,	"	0	"
P.	Willard O. Wylie, of Beverly,	"	15	"
Blanks,			65	

## FOR AUDITOR.

P.	Charles E. Burnham, of Worcester,	had	14	votes.
S. L.	Walter J. Hoar, of Worcester,	"	0	"
S.	Charles Stevens, of Plymouth,	"	1	"
D.	Francis X. Tetrault, of Southbridge,	"	46	"
R.	Henry E. Turner, of Malden.	"	198	"
Blanks,			66	

## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL

P.	Henry M. Dean, of Hyde Park,	had	13	votes.
D.	John P. Leahy, of Boston,	"	49	"
R.	Herbert Parker, of Lancaster,	"	204	"
S.	John Weaver Sherman, of Boston.	"	2	"
S. L.	Thomas Stevenson, of New Bedford,	"	0	"
Blanks,			57	

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FOURTH DISTRICT.

D.	Marcus A. Cooledge, of Fitchburg,	had	54	votes.
S.	John F. Mullen, of Clinton,	"	2	"
R.	Charles Q. Tirrell, of Natick,	"	203	"
Blanks,			66	

## TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

## FOR COUNCILLOR; SIXTH DISTRICT.

S.	John E. Brennan, of Malden,	had	1	vote.
D.	John F. O'Brien, of Lowell,	"	45	votes.
R.	Walter Scott Watson, of Lowell,	"	205	"
Blanks,			74	

## FOR SENATOR, SIXTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

R.	Chester W. Clark, of Wilmington,	had	197	votes.
D.	Peter B. Murphy, of Ayer,	"	46	"
Blanks,			82	

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, TWENTY-FOURTH  
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

R.	Charles S. Denham, of Pepperell,	had	196	votes.
D.	Frederick A. Sherwin, of Groton,	"	60	"
Blanks,			69	

## FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (MIDDLESEX COUNTY).

R.	Francis Bigelow, of Natick,	had	195	votes.
S.	Charles F. Drury, of Natick,	"	5	"
D.	James E. Kelley, of Wilmington,	"	47	"
Blanks,			78	

## ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS (MIDDLESEX COUNTY).

S.	Laughlin Cameron, of Malden,	had	8	votes.
S.	Embert E. Hopkins, of Cambridge,	"	7	"
R.	David T. Strange, of Stoneham,	"	159	"
R.	Edward Everett Thompson, of Woburn,	"	131	"
Blanks,			345	

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY (NORTHERN DISTRICT).

D.	John J. Devine, of Lowell,	had	48	votes.
S.	Squire E. Putney, of Somerville,	"	1	vote.
R.	George A. Sanderson, of Ayer,	"	204	votes.
Blanks,		"	72	

## SHERIFF (MIDDLESEX COUNTY).

D.	Frederick Bancroft, of Reading,	had	49	votes.
R.	John R. Fairbairn, of Cambridge,	"	200	"
S.	John L. Mulholland, of Somerville,	"	1	vote.
Blanks,			75	

Adjourned at 4.45 o'clock.

G. L. WHITCOMB, *Moderator.*

Attest:— G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*



TOWNSEND, MASS., NOVEMBER 18, 1904.

The Town Clerks of Middlesex Representative District No. 24, comprising the towns of Ashby, Groton, Pepperell and Townsend, met this day at noon, in Townsend, and compared the transcripts of the votes cast in said District for Representative in the next General Court, and ascertained that Charles S. Denham, of Pepperell, was elected Representative from said District.

The following is a complete list of all the votes cast in said District for Representative, the names of persons for whom votes were cast, the number of votes for each person, the number of blanks and the number of ballots cast in each town.

	Ashby.	Groton.	Pepperell.	Townsend.	Totals.
Charles S. Denham, of Pepperell,	101	102	317	196	716
Frederick A. Sherwin, of Groton,	23	250	157	60	490
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Total number of votes cast.	124	352	474	256	1206
Blanks,	36	37	61	69	203
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Total number of ballots cast,	160	389	535	325	1409

WALTER J. SMITH,  
*Town Clerk of Ashby,*  
 APPLETON H. TORREY,  
*Town Clerk of Groton.*  
 PARKER J. KEMP,  
*Town Clerk of Pepperell.*  
 GEORGE A. WILDER,  
*Town Clerk of Townsend.*

A true copy.—Attest :

G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.**

## MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of

NO.	DATE.	NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
1	April 6	Charles A. Wright. Grace K. Spring.	23 22	Townsend. Townsend.	Milling. Milliner.	Townsend. Townsend.
2	June 22	Walter E. Bruce. Addie Maria Norton.	58 43	Townsend. Townsend.	Ret. Officer. Housework.	Townsend. York Beach, Me.
3	August 3	Peirce L. Lithgow. Ella F. Peabody.	24 21	Townsend. Lunenburg.	Farmer. At home.	Boston. Lunenburg.
4	August 15	George F. Eames. Mabel A. Sweeney.	50 35	Townsend. Townsend.	Dentist. At home.	Swanville, Me. Ireland.
5	Sept. 5	William T. McMaster. Mary Genevieve Arlin	26 18	Townsend. Townsend.	Painter. At home.	Nova Scotia. Townsend.
6	Sept. 29	John N. Going. Ida F. (Blinn) Loane.	61 50	Townsend. Denver, Col.	Farmer. None.	Townsend. Boston.
7	Nov. 2	Allan J. Cameron. Mary Ann Burke.	24 23	Fitchburg. Gardner.	Hotel Prop. Waitress.	Rogersville, N.B. Ireland.
8	Nov. 5	Fred S. Hutchinson. Alice E. Floyd.	46 22	Townsend. Townsend.	Laborer. Housework.	Beav. Dam, Wis. Townsend.
9	Nov. 8	Henry Eddy. Ella M. Dexter.	48 42	Townsend. Townsend.	Electrician. None.	Raynham. Sharon, Vt.

## Townsend for the Year 1904.

NAMES OF PARENTS.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
Charles A. and Louise J. (Burgess) Wright. Francis T. and Mary A. (Baxter) Spring.	Townsend—Benjamin A. Willmott, Clergyman.
Leonard and Mary (Jenkins) Bruce. Addison G. and Julia F. (Ramsdell) Norton.	Boston—Cyrus L. D. Younkin, Minister of the Gospel.
William and Annie (McLeod) Lithgow. Sawyer and Mary E. (Mossman) Peabody.	Lunenburg—Frank G. Potter, Clergyman.
Franklin P. and Abigail (Howe) Eames. John and Catherine (Spillane) Sweeney.	Providence, R. I.—Leo Boone Thomas, Baptist Clergyman.
James and Isabelle (Chase) McMaster. John J. and Nellie (Drum) Arlin.	West Townsend—Lewis A. Eaton, Pastor Baptist Church.
Eliab and Hannah (Warren) Going. James and Lizzie (Lawrence) Blinn.	Shirley—E. B. Fairchild, Minister of the Gospel.
John and Ann (McDonald) Cameron. John and Bridget (Devaron) Burke.	Townsend—G. A. Wilder, Justice of the Peace.
Sardis M. and Charlotte (Leonard) Hutchinson. William B. and Lillian E. (Burgess) Floyd.	Waltham—James W. Higgins, Minister of the Gospel.
William and Susan (Lothrop) Eddy. Parker and Eliza J. (Moore) Dexter.	West Townsend—Lewis A. Eaton, Pastor Baptist Church.

## BIRTHS Registered in the Town of

NO.	DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF FATHER.
1	Jan. 12		
2	Jan. 23	Edward Albert Lancey.	Edward D. Lancey.
3	Jan. 25	Mary Christine Markham.	Daniel F. Markham.
4	Jan. 28	Charles Michael O'Brien.	William T. O'Brien.
5	Feb. 9		
6	Apr. 6	William Alexander Smith.	Thomas J. Smith.
7	Apr. 14	Gertrude Louise Dudley.	Elmer G. Dudley.
8	May 3	Florence Adeline Conant.	Frank E. Conant.
9	May 7	Muriel Clarissa Gilman.	Albert E. Gilman.
10	May 8	Arthur Burrth Borneman.	Everett B. Borneman.
11	May 12	Muriel Flagg.	Fred L. Flagg.
12	May 15	David Keefe.	Michael Keefe.
13	May 25	Guy Linton Hartford.	George H. Hartford.
14	June 14	Ruth Ina Daniels.	Charles E. Daniels.
15	July 3	Forestine Louise Bush.	Forrest C. Bush.
16	July 14	Maybel Mildred Leonard.	William A. Leonard.
17	July 20	Raymond Oliver Ballou.	Fred A. Ballou.
18	Aug. 7	Dorothy Maybell King.	Clarence King.
19	Aug. 11	Ruth Tower Russell.	William A. Russell.
20	Sep. 4	(Stillborn).	
21	Sep. 10		
22	Sep. 20	Ruth Irene Moulton.	Charles E. Moulton.
23	Oct. 25	Helen Bumstead.	Albert H. Bumstead.
24	Nov. 15	Charles Steven Swicker.	James S. Swicker.
25	Nov. 18	—Williams	Walter E. Williams.
26	Nov. 18	—Williams.	Walter E. Williams.
27	Dec. 6	Gladys Florence Smart.	Frederick Smart.
28	Dec. 8	Wilfred J. Kendall.	George H. Kendall.
29	Dec. 9	Chester Evander Wright.	Alberto Evander Wright.
30	Dec. 29		Charles Fortier.



## Townsend for the Year 1904.

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER.	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER.
Katherine E. Koch.	Laborer.	Brookline, N. H.	E. Cambridge.
Catherine E. O'Brien.	Merchant.	Fitchburg.	Townsend.
Hattie M. Longley.	Cooper.	Townsend.	Lunenburg.
Ella E. Richards.	Farmer.	Brookline, N. H.	Pepperell.
Carrie H. Bartholomew.	Carpenter.	Providence, R. I.	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Florence A. Gilchrest.	Farmer.	Littleton.	Townsend.
Mabel L. Hodgman.	Mill hand.	Mason, N. H.	Brookline, N. H.
Annie E. Burt.	Cooper.	Townsend.	Unknown.
Jennie Oikle.	Laborer.	Townsend.	Nova Scotia.
Annie Precious.	Farmer.	Ireland.	England.
Elizabeth E. Copeland.	Milling.	Townsend.	Boston.
Addie L. Hadley.	Fireman.	Danville, Vt.	Fitchburg.
Etta F. Norris.	Laborer.	Mason, N. H.	Charlestown.
Addie E. Powell.	Sawyer.	Lunenburg.	Townsend.
Nellie Coleman.	Teamster.	Mason, N. H.	Phillipston.
Maybelle Fletcher.	Teamster.	Townsend.	Pepperell.
Charlotte A. Tower.	Salesman.	Brookline, N. H.	Townsend.
Mary B. Burke.	Laborer.	Wayland.	Lunenburg.
Annie Sweeney.	Farmer.	Minneapolis, Min	Boston.
Lena M. Corkum.	Lumbering	Nova Scotia.	Nova Scotia.
Lydia M. Coombs.	Farmer.	Quincy.	St. Johns, N. B.
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Ada F. Perkins.	Teamster.	Boscawen, N. H.	W. Andover, N.H.
Alice Pierce.	Farmer.	Brookline, N. H.	Hollis, N. H.
Nora M. Felt.	Mechanic.	Townsend.	Temple, N. H.
Norah S. Thetrault.	Farmer.	Thorndike,	Fitchburg.

## DEATHS Registered in the Town of

NO.	DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Y.	M.	D.	
1	Jan. 9	Amos C. Benner.	60	11	9	Cardiac dilations.
2	Jan. 21	*Caroline A. Fairfield.	71	5	9	Delusional insanity.
3	Jan. 30	Granville Wood.	76	2	14	Pharyngitis.
4	Jan. 30	Laura M. (Adams) Upton.	89	6	26	Bronchopneumonia.
5	Feb. 3	Lelia J. Savage.	24	—	—	Acute Bright's disease.
6	Feb. 13	Eunice S. Brown.	66	5	27	Old age.
7	Feb. 24	William E. Sylvester.	69	4	26	Pneumonia.
8	Feb. 26	Bernice L. Rogers.	25	11	3	Pulmonary tuberculosis.
9	Mar. 4	Margaret A. Bush.	76	9	25	Apoplexy.
10	Mar. 11	Matilla Matline Bush.	—	11	—	Gastroenteritis. Bronchitis.
11	Mar. 25	Samuel Gilson.	95	6	—	Old age. Weak heart.
12	Mar. 30	Tyra Amalia Lundberg.	3	—	24	Acute bronchopneumonia.
13	Apr. 7	†Ruhanah A. Seaver.	74	6	28	Bronchitis.
14	Apr. 7	Mary A. (Finegan) Doran.	74	7	22	Valvular disease of heart.
15	Apr. 14	William B. Floyd.	47	6	12	Chronic diffuse nephritis.
16	Apr. 19	Ezra Hinds.	86	11	24	Valvular heart disease.
17	Apr. 27	Edmund Blood.	83	11	10	Heart failure. Old age.
18	Apr. 30	Mary W. (Simonds) Blood.	72	3	20	Pneumonia.
19	May 1	‡Margaret Wilmot.	61	—	—	Pneumonia.
20	May 5	Catharine (Baldwin) Hunt.	72	4	5	Cerebral hemorrhage.
21	June 20	Warren D. Hinds.	60	9	11	Cancer.
22	June 27	Martha (Barber) Shattuck.	67	3	—	Acute delirium.
23	June 29	Harold B. Ross.	1	9	16	Diphtheria.
24	June 30	Clifford Ross.	2	10	18	Diphtheria.
25	July 2	Charles W. Dix.	67	1	20	Valvular heart disease.
26	July 4	Gladys A. Brown.	8	7	8	Congestion of brain.

\*(Burrage.) †(Whitcomb.) ‡(Cameron.)

## Townsend for the Year 1904.

NAMES OF PARENTS.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF BURIAL.
Abner G. and Catherine (Carroll) Benner.	Edmunds, Me.	W. Townsend.
John and Nancy P. (Dana) Burrage.	Groton.	Dover, Mass.
Micajah and Rachel (Richardson) Wood.	Dracut.	Townsend.
Stephen and Hannah (Wheeler) Adams.	Fitchburg.	Ashby.
Beniah H. and Mary A (Ball) Savage.	Greenville, N. H.	Townsend.
Stephen and Julia (Colburn) Brown.	Temple, N. H.	Townsend.
Caleb and Deidamia (Shattuck) Sylvester.	Townsend.	Townsend.
John L. and Phœbe A. (Parrish) Rogers.	Blomidon, N. S.	Townsend.
Joel and (Unknown) Learned.	Clinton, Me.	Vassalboro, Me
William and Abbie J. (Wyeth) Bush.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Peter and Rachel (Dunn) Gilson	Harrison, Me.	Townsend.
Axel G. and Amanda (Lovendale) Lundberg.	North Acton.	W Chelmsford.
David and (Unknown) Whitcomb.	Swanzy, N. H.	Townsend.
Philip and (Unknown) Finegan.	Ireland.	Fitchburg.
Moses S. and Ella (Guptill) Floyd.	Porter, Me.	Townsend.
David and Hannah (Tucker) Hinds.	Stark, N H.	Townsend.
Joshua and Anna (Russell) Blood.	Mason, N. H.	W. Townsend.
Abner and Rebecca (Wallace) Simonds.	Townsend.	W. Townsend.
John and Mary (Boyd) Cameron.	Nova Scotia.	Nova Scotia.
William and Polly (Spaulding) Baldwin.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Ezra and Hannah (Tucker) Hinds.	Spencer.	Townsend.
Elisha D. and Sarah (Dix) Barber.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Frederic and Jessie (Keenan) Ross.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Frederic and Jessie (Keenan) Ross.	Townsend.	Townsend.
William and Diana (Sylvester) Dix.	Townsend.	Townsend.
William S. and Inez (Brown) Brown.	Townsend.	Townsend.

## DEATHS Registered in the Town of

NO.	DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Y.	M.	D.	
27	July 16	Elizabeth (Blood) Blood.	88	4	22	Exhaustion. Old age.
28	July 20	George C. Stevens.	76	9	15	Senile dementia.
29	July 26	Martha A. (Russell) Elliott.	81	—	—	Valvular heart disease.
30	July 28	Benjamin P. Foster.	83	1	24	Organic heart disease.
31	Aug. 6	Dorothy Maybell King.	—	—	—	Asphyxia.
32	Aug. 14	Muriel Flagg.	—	3	—	Cholera infantum.
33	Aug. 27	Martin S. Robbins.	57	3	28	Valvular heart disease.
34	Sep. 4	—	—	—	—	Still born.
35	Sep. 19	Naomi R. (Baxter) Hobart.	84	3	0	Apoplexy.
36	Sep. 23	*Jane M. Worcester.	72	0	26	Cancer.
37	Oct. 2	Horace W. Eldredge.	72	7	26	Anemia.
38	Oct. 4	Mary J. (Lovejoy) Drew.	63	—	—	Cerebral hemorrhage.
39	Oct. 21	George F. Lawton.	70	10	6	Organic heart disease.
40	Oct. 21	†Mary S. Edgecomb.	68	3	11	Carcinoma of breast.
41	Oct. 21	Abbie S. (Moore) Patch.	55	0	9	Valvular disease of heart.
42	Nov. 7	William Farnsworth.	75	10	14	Valvular disease of heart.
43	Nov. 18	— Williams	—	—	—	Premature birth.
44	Nov. 19	— Williams.	—	—	1	Premature birth.
45	Nov. 21	‡Lydia M. Williams.	30	1	1	Valvular heart disease.
46	Dec 10	Wilfred J. Kendall.	—	—	1	Premature birth.
47	Dec 10	Solomon Worden.	84	10	23	Chronic gastritis.
48	Dec 15	Hannah (Gilson) Evans.	87	9	11	Pneumonia
49	Dec. 19	Sarah A. (Troke) Putnam.	79	2	17	Softening of brain.
50	Dec. 20	George J. Shattuck.	69	8	24	Acute bronchitis
51	Dec. 22	§Mary Ann Sturtevant.	82	0	18	Chronic cardiac dilatation.

\*(Kellogg) †(Fowler) ‡(Coombes) §(Richardson)



## Townsend for the Year 1904.

NAMES OF PARENTS.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF BURIAL.
Nathan and (Unknown) Blood.	Pepperell.	Townsend.
Curtis and Lucy (Gibson) Stevens.	Townsend.	W. Townsend.
Ephraim and (Unknown) Russell.	Mason, N. H.	W. Townsend.
William and Hannah (Perry) Foster.	Ashby.	Townsend.
Clarence and Maybelle (Fletcher) King.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Fred L. and Jennie (Oikle) Flagg.	Townsend.	Townsend.
True and Rebecca (Hodgman) Robbins.	Chester, Vt.	Ashby.
Benjamin and — (Hewett) Baxter.	Mercer, Me.	W. Townsend.
Charles and Tryphena (Hubbard) Kellogg.	Amherst.	Townsend.
Horace W. and Deborah (Parkhurst) Eldredge.	Nashua, N. H.	Townsend.
Cummings and Mary (Roberts) Lovejoy.	Barnstead, N. H.	W. Townsend.
Oliver and Polly P. (Jennerson) Lawton.	Shirley.	Townsend.
Thomas S. and Betsey L. (Seavey) Fowler.	Saco, Me.	Woodlawn.
Elliott and Dorothy H. (Marble) Moore.	Ashburnham.	W. Townsend.
Philip and Abigail (Dix) Farnsworth.	Brookline, N. H.	Townsend.
Walter E. and Lydia M. (Coombes) Williams.	Townsend.	Townsend.
Walter E. and Lydia M. (Coombes) Williams.	Townsend.	Townsend.
John J. and Eliza (Hodge) Coombes.	St. John N. B.	Townsend.
George H. and Alice (Pierce) Kendall.	Townsend.	Brookline N. H.
Henry and (Unknown) Worden.	Chesterfield, N. H.	W. Townsend.
Ephraim and Lydia (Barrett) Gilson.	Townsend.	W. Townsend.
Unknown and (Unknown) Troke.	St. George, N. B.	Townsend.
Daniel and Lucinda (Shattuck) Shattuck.	Mason, N. H.	Townsend.
Daniel and Maria (Clough) Richardson.	Dracut.	Dunstable.



## DEATHS.

REGISTERED BELOW ARE BODIES OF THOSE BROUGHT TO TOWNSEND  
FOR BURIAL.

NO.	MONTH.	NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.
1	January.	Lucy Electa Tottingham.	Greenfield.
2	March.	Samuel Edwin Hill.	Boston.
3	March.	Studley Bisbee.	Athol.
4	June.	Charles M. Spofford.	Milford, N. H.
5	June.	Hattie F. Hall.	Nashua, N. H.
6	August.	Harriett M. Haynes.	Fitchburg.
7	August.	Edward Forness.	Peabody.
8	September.	Nettie A. Hession.	Arlington.
9	September.	Daniel C. Porter.	Fitchburg
10	September.	Eben Robinson.	N. Ipswich, N. H.
11	September.	Lydia A. Adams.	Lunenburg.
12	November.	Lizzie E. Kellogg.	West Swanzey.
13	November.	James W. Kilbourne.	Pepperell.
14	December.	Nancy J. Towne.	Essex.

## REPORT ON DOG LICENSES.

Paid into the treasury of Middlesex county on account of dog licenses as per receipts of treasurer on file, \$287.40.

Number of dogs licensed,	143
Males,	133
Females,	10
Amount received for licenses,	\$316 00
Amount of fees (20 cents per license),	28 60
Paid county treasurer,	287 40
Refund of ninety-five per cent. on amount received from licenses issued in 1904,	273 03

G. A. WILDER, *Town Clerk.*

## OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS.

A list of names of the owners or keepers of dogs who have paid a license for the year beginning May 1, 1904, and ending May 1, 1905 :

Anderson, Gustaf	Benner, G. H.	Dustin, J. S.
Adams, Bruce W.	Blood, Mrs. J. S.	Davis, Melvin
Adams, R. B.	Brown, C. R.	Dudley, E. E.
Allen, S. Austin	Boynton, H. B. (2)	Dudley, E. M.
Arlin, Joseph	Blood, A. P.	Dixon, E. J.
Blood, Alice	Bowley, H. F.	Dixon, J. A.
Blood, Moses	Brackett, G. H.	Davis, E. T.
Bliss, A. P.	Barber, Vernal	Donovan Bros. (2)
Brown, J. S.	Bliss, E. D.	Eaton, F. B.
Battles, O. A.	Cook, Ellis R.	Farrar, J. L.
Bruce, W. E.	Campbell, E. E.	Flagg, Albert
Barber, A. D.	Copeland, T. M.	Farwell, F. B.
Burt, A. E. (2)	Cook, Joel S.	Fletcher, Dana A.
Baxter, Joseph	Cooper, A. D.	Farrar, W. D. (2)

Forbush, Guy J.	Morgan, C. R.	Sherwin, Ivers P.
Felch, F. P.	Misner, A. C.	Spaulding, J. E.
Farrar, F. W.	McDormond, C. T.	Searl, Horace
Felch, C. D.	Moore, H. J.	Smith, T. J.
Follansbee, W. F.	Moulton, C. E.	Stickney, C. B.
Felch, H. C.	Manning, G. S.	Spaulding, W. S.
Gilson, F. M. (2)	Morse, E. B.	Stearns, H. S.
Gurley, W. O.	Mills, William	Smith, C. W.
Hatch, A. J.	Morse, T. E.	Tenney, G. H.
Homer, C. S. (3)	Morse, Harry	Tangley, Fred
Hagar, C. M.	Nutting, J. M.	Tenney, W. H.
Hobart, H. E.	O'Brien, W. T.	Tyler, A. K.
Hughes, C. L.	Parker, B. W.	Upton, William
Hill, W. S.	Piper, F. J.	Wilson, C. L.
Henecy, E. B.	Patch, F. A.	Warren, E. E.
Henecy, John	Pierce, Granville	Wyman, E. L.
Hazzard, Josephine	Powell, George	Woods, Silas R.
Hale, W. F.	Parsons, F. D.	Weston, W. S.
Hebert, Oliver	Proctor, C. M. (2)	Wyman, H. H.
Harriman, W. S.	Powell, J. E.	Weaver, S. A.
Johnson, C. W. (2)	Parker, J. N.	Wyeth, W. N.
Jones, George H.	Perry, A. D.	Wilson, Herbert
Kelly, H. L.	Piper, J. J.	Webster, W. W.
King, James Jr.	Reed, H. L. (3)	Wilson, Ella M. (2)
Koch, William	Richards, F. F.	Wright, John
King, C. A.	Rail Road House	Woodward, Ray
Kendall, C. B.	Richards, R. G.	Welch, J. F.
Livingstone, J. W.	Reed, Alexander	Willard, Josephine
Laws, B. H.	Scales, Albert	Warren, C. A.
Laws, Clarence	Shattuck, Mrs. H. B.	

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF TOWNSEND

FOR THE

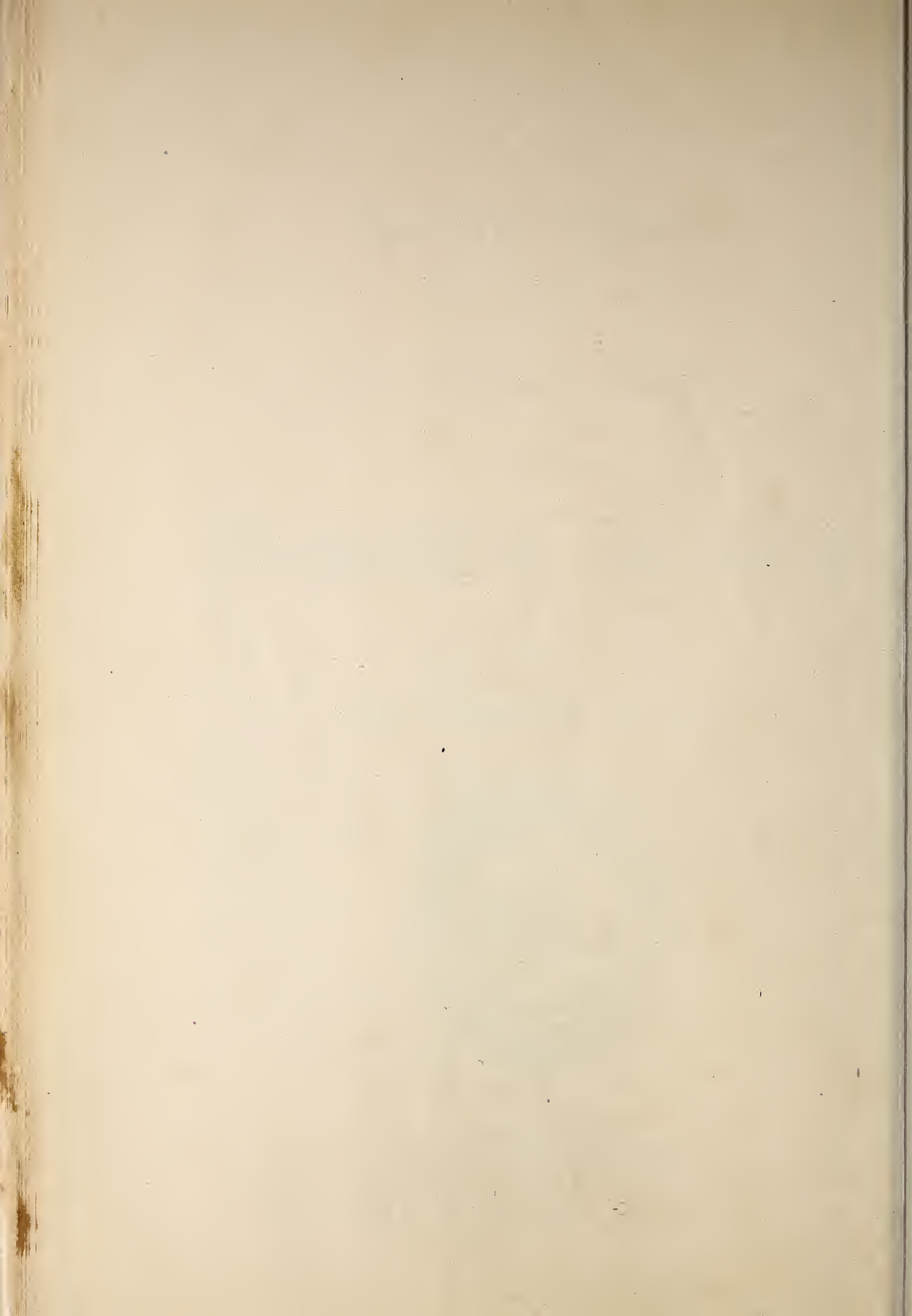
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1905.



TOWNSEND:

GEORGE A. WILDER, PRINTER.

1905.





## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

### CHAIRMAN.

J. W. EASTMAN, TOWNSEND, MASS.

### MEMBERS.

	Term Expires.		Term Expires.
REV. L. A. EATON,	1907.	C. F. WORCESTER,	1906.
A. S. HOWARD,	1907.	VERNAL BARBER,	1905.
G. L. WHITCOMB,	1907.	J. W. EASTMAN,	1905.
F. M. WARREN,	1906.	ALEXANDER REED,	1905.
G. A. WILDER,	1906.		

### SUB-COMMITTEES.

High School.	Eastman, Eaton, Worcester.
Center Grammar School,	Whitcomb. Warren.
"A" Intermediate School,	Howard, Wilder.
"B" Intermediate School,	Howard.
Center Primary School,	Eastman, Howard.
West Grammar School,	Eaton, Reed.
West Primary School,	Reed, Eaton.
Harbor School,	Whitcomb.
North End School,	Barber.
Music,	Wilder. Eaton, Warren.
Drawing,	Worcester. Barber, Eastman.
Transportation.	Reed, Warren, Wilder, Howard.
Repairs,	Worcester, Warren, Whitcomb.

SECRETARY AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FAIRFIELD WHITNEY, TOWNSEND, MASS.

Office at Center school building.

Office hours, from 3.30 P. M. to 4.10 P. M. on Tuesday of each week that schools are in session.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

At 8.00 P. M. on the first Monday of each school month.

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

MISS EMMA H. HAYNES, PEPPERELL, MASS.

Visits on Thursdays.

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

C. E. KEYES, WEST BROOKFIELD.

Alternate Tuesdays.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

4.10 P. M. to 5.10 P. M. on second Tuesday of each school month except March and June.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

MICHAEL O'BRIEN, TOWNSEND.

F. A. PATCH, WEST TOWNSEND.

F. J. KNIGHT, TOWNSEND HARBOR.

JANITORS.

J. D. FINEGAN, TOWNSEND.

C. E. PATCH, WEST TOWNSEND.

### STORM SIGNAL, 3-3.

7.00 A. M. at West and 7.15 A. M. at Center and Harbor,  
no school for the day.

11. 30 A. M., one session in all schools.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR.

High school closes,	-	-	-	-	March 10, 1905.
All schools open,	-	-	-	-	March 20.
Holiday,	-	-	-	-	April 19.
Exercises at Memorial Hall,	-	-	-	-	May 29.
Holiday,	-	-	-	-	May 30.
Grade schools close,	-	-	-	-	June 8.
High school closes,	-	-	-	-	June 22.
Summer vacation,	-	-	-	-	Ten weeks.
All schools open,	-	-	-	-	September 5.
Thanksgiving recess,	-	-	-	-	Two days.
Christmas recess,	-	-	-	-	One week.
All schools open,	-	-	-	-	Jan. 1, 1906.
Holiday,	-	-	-	-	February 22.
Grade schools close,	-	-	-	-	February 23.
High school closes,	-	-	-	-	March 9.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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*To the Citizens of Townsend :*

At a special meeting of the town last May to see if the town would vote to buy a lot and build a school house at West Townsend it was voted to refer the matter to the school committee with instructions to report to the town at some future meeting.

Your committee is aware that no building repaired can have all the advantages possessed by a new building yet, after considering the location and present condition of the building at West Townsend, we are of the opinion that the unexpended portion of the money appropriated by the town at its last annual meeting would put the building in good condition to answer the probable requirements for school purposes in that section of the town for some years to come.

At a special meeting of the school committee March 1, 1905 the above together with the following report of the committee on repairs and the report of the superintendent was accepted and adopted, and it was voted that the same be printed as the report of the committee.

FAIRFIELD WHITNEY, *Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

*To the School Committee of Townsend :*

When we were chosen to take charge of repairs soon after the annual town meeting, it was expected that extensive improvements would be made at each of the three village school buildings. Owing to the objection which the West

Townsend citizens made to the expenditure of money upon their old building it was decided to make no avoidable outlay there until the school committee could report to the town and receive further instructions. For this reason a considerable part of the appropriation remains unexpended. Otherwise the original plan has been carried out.

At the Harbor a new water closet was built and a separate entrance to the boys' closet was made in the opposite end of the wood house. The building has been painted and equipped with adjustable chairs and desks for pupils, a new chair and desk for the teacher and a larger stove.

At the West new desks and chairs were provided for the teachers, some changes made in the outbuilding and the front doors arranged to open outwards according to law.

The changes at the Center mark the practical completion of the plan made at a citizens' meeting in 1901 where it was decided to urge the town to put the present building in good condition rather than to build a new one. This renovation was begun in 1901 and continued in 1903. This year the building has been painted outside and in, new seats, desks, chairs and floors have been placed in rooms not before furnished and several cupboards and bookcases have been provided for the convenience of teachers and the better preservation of books and supplies. A table, shelves and water supply have been added to the equipment of the chemical laboratory and a new walk laid outside the building. For the convenience and safety of the children a door was cut in the rear of the ell. It being necessary to replace the front doors porches were built so that primary pupils have an easier means of entrance. While this, the same as any other old school house, will need frequent attention to keep things in good condition we feel that the building is now reasonably convenient, comfortable and attractive.

State officials who have visited it have expressed the



opinion that it is a good example of what may be done in improving an old building.

Respectfully submitted,

FAIRFIELD WHITNEY,  
*For Repair Committee.*

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

### *To the School Committee of Townsend:*

Schools have been in session according to the calendar except that each was closed twice for conventions or visiting days and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  days because of storms.

While the percentage of attendance is not up to our best records it is exactly the State average reported last year, 91 per cent. Whooping cough and measles have interfered to some extent. I understand it to be your policy to exclude from the schools even the milder forms of contagious disease as long as it is possible to protect any considerable number of pupils by so doing.

A school exhibit similar to the one described in the report for 1900 was made in Memorial Hall June 10.

The committee in charge of the course of entertainments given in the winter of 1903-1904 used half their surplus proceeds in the purchase of a picture for each of the school rooms.

Two agents of the Board of Education visited the schools during the fall term, Mr. John T. Prince and Mr. J. W. MacDonald.

## MUSIC.

There has been a somewhat radical change in the work in music this year. The particulars will be found in the report of Mr. Keyes. Teachers and children have done well in previous years but heretofore music has been looked upon by most of us as an accomplishment for the favored few, a pleasant feature of opening exercises, a means of recreation for tired pupils and a popular feature of public entertainments rather than a serious requirement for all. This year the attitude has been that if music is to be taught in the public schools and at public expense, it must perceptibly benefit nearly all pupils. There are certain elementary things in the study of music, worth knowing in themselves and useful for their disciplinary value, which all pupils can and ought to learn. The mastery of the rudiments of music and of musical notation is no more difficult and no more the prerogative of a few than the mastery of the simple combinations of numbers or of historical facts. It is one function of the elementary school to lay the foundation in these and other things and to show the child how to make the most of whatever talent he may have. It rests with the child himself whether or not he will make a musician, a mathematician or a historian. If he makes neither the knowledge and power gained will add to his usefulness and enjoyment.

The same time has been given to music, one hour per week, but the results are more definite and positive. Nowhere is the improvement more marked than in the high school. Such work pursued for one hour per week for a year should be counted as one point toward a diploma.

Mr. Keyes' suggestion concerning music as an elective study deserves careful consideration but the time of the regular teachers is fully occupied by the present requirements and if additions are to be made it seems to me it will be necessary either to drop some of the present studies or else to

have teaching done in the afternoon or by some other instructor than one of the regular teachers.

#### THREE TEACHERS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

When I pointed out in my last report the advantages to be gained by employing a third teacher for the high school I scarcely expected the funds would allow the proposed change but the additional money from the Massachusetts School Fund and from the sale of old school houses made it possible. There was a legitimate demand that this money be used in increasing teachers' salaries but as the change made the positions of four teachers more desirable we retained most of the teachers and also strengthened the system. With the ninth grade in the high school the grammar school teachers have had fewer pupils and fewer grades of work and the children will there have forty weeks per year instead of thirty-six. Thus the preparation for high school is improved and the teaching force increased by one-half of one teacher's time. Most of the high school pupils never go to college and rightly desire a variety of studies. With only two teachers it is next to impossible to give the majority what they expect and still keep the college preparatory work up to the standard of the entrance requirements.

#### FINANCES.

For several years the sum appropriated for superintendent and school purposes has been nearly \$6,000. This year the net proceeds of the sale of school houses were added, making \$6,291.80 from what is virtually taxation.

Tuition, a variable source of income, has usually yielded \$300.00 or more. This year it is \$442.80.

Besides the pay for tuition of resident wards the town receives money from the State under two general laws :

1. It receives \$750.00 because the town pays a district

superintendent \$900.00 and continues to raise and expend for school purposes each year in addition to the \$450.00 raised for his salary an amount equal to the average of the total amount paid, or to the amount paid for each child, during the three preceding years. As the employment of a superintendent is now compulsory it behooves taxpayers to be sure this provision is complied with.

2. The whole income from the Mass. School Fund is now distributed among towns whose valuation is less than \$2,500,000.00. A part is used in giving to each town a specified sum determined by its valuation. The rest of this income is divided among the same towns, the portion given to each being regulated by the effort the town is making to support its schools. Under the first provision Townsend receives \$150.00 because its valuation is between \$1,000,000.00 and \$2,000,000.00. After specifying what sums shall be allotted to towns within certain valuation limits the law further provides, "The remainder of said income shall be distributed to towns whose valuation does not exceed \$2,500,000.00 and whose annual tax for the support of public schools is not less than one-sixth of their whole tax for the year, as follows : Every town whose school tax is not less than one-third of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-third ; every town whose school tax is not less than one-fourth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-fourth ; every town whose school tax is not less than one-fifth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-fifth ; and every town whose school tax is not less than one-sixth of its whole tax shall receive a proportion expressed by one-sixth." This year Townsend's school tax was less than one-third but more than one-fourth of the whole tax and we received on the second distribution \$627 36. Ashby was in the first class and received \$911.48 or \$284.12 more. Townsend appropriates for schools nearly enough to bring



the larger sum and it seems to me this provision should be considered in making the annual appropriations.

#### RELATIVE POSITION OF TOWNSEND.

The fact that Townsend is in the second class of towns referred to above indicates that we are not expending money for schools as freely as some other towns and to enable a comparison I have prepared the following table to show what some of our neighbors are doing.

1. Dollars per pupil from local taxation.
2. Same plus contributions from State etc.
3. Dollars per \$1,000 used for schools, local tax.
4. Average monthly wages of male teachers.
5. Average monthly wages of female teachers.

	1	2	3	4	5
Ashby,	\$31 10	\$39 46	\$7 49	\$ 60 00	\$39 48
Fitchburg,	31 06	31 22	4 95	133 50	54 50
Groton,	29 05	29 26	3 52	155 00	43 00
Littleton,	27 59	35 64	6 05	100 00	44 00
Leominster,	26 96	27 27	5 59	100 00	49 86
Dunstable,	26 86	40 02	5 47	————	40 00
Harvard,	26 07	33 73	3 73	————	39 76
Townsend,	23 14	28 96	4 76	75 00	36 56
Westford,	22 74	26 54	5 59	124 44	41 32
Pepperell,	21 39	22 41	6 84	110 00	39 66
Lunenburg,	19 82	25 85	4 05	78 00	36 25
Shirley,	18 36	23 48	4 64	————	40 00
Ayer,	16 70	19 25	4 89	120 00	41 60
County,	28 68	29 37	4 71	148 34	59 02
State,	28 38	29 63	3 83	145 48	55 37



In my report of 1900 may be found a table showing, among other things, the amount of taxable property appropriated to public schools for each \$1,000 of valuation and the relative rank of Townsend among the 350 odd towns of the State for a series of years. The following continuation of the figures to date shows how this relative rank has been falling, not because Townsend appropriates less but because other towns increase the sum for schools.

	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04
Amount per \$1,000,	\$4.35	\$4.77	\$4.73	\$4.69	\$5.11	\$4.76
Rank,	161	174	182	185	151	190

## TEACHERS' SALARIES.

In each column there is but one sum for teachers' wages smaller than Townsend's. Two towns in Middlesex County pay lower wages to teachers than Townsend, nine years ago ten towns in the county paid less. The average salary of female teachers in the State per month is about eleven dollars more than it was twenty years ago. I sent a letter of inquiry to the superintendents of several towns in this vicinity and found that the average weekly salary of their 14 primary teachers is \$10.63; 15 intermediate, \$10.71; 12 grammar, \$11.99; 11 ungraded, \$9.02. Of the 41 teachers in graded schools 23 receive more than \$10.00 per week. Four of the grammar school teachers receive \$500.00 or more per year. For a full discussion of the supply, salaries and qualifications of teachers I respectfully refer you to the last Report of the Board of Education.

In a general way the effort of the tax payer is measured by the dollars on a thousand and the quality of the schools by the dollars per month paid the teachers. There are many exceptions to this rule for measuring a teacher's usefulness

and with the present salary limit we are forced to search for these exceptions. We have been fortunate enough to find many teachers whose services are worth much more than the salaries they have received but in so far as this is true we have not been rendering a just equivalent.

I know how generously citizens have responded to the request for better buildings and do not wish to make any unreasonable demands upon taxpayers but it is my business to improve the schools in every reasonable way and after impartially stating the facts I leave it for those in authority to say whether or not we shall have the means to continue three teachers in the high school and meet on equal terms the other small towns in the competition for securing and retaining excellent teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

FAIRFIELD WHITNEY.

March 1, 1905.

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## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

*Mr. Fairfield Whitney, Superintendent of Schools,*

Dear Sir:—Perhaps in this my first report you will allow me considerable space in order that the people may know what we are trying to do in music.

Music, as it has been taught, has reached but a few of the children, only those inclined by nature to music have received any benefit. This class comprises but about 20 per cent. of the pupils, the others could sing if the 20 per cent. were present to pull them along but alone they showed by actual test no knowledge of music. This has been and still

is in many towns the condition in school music notwithstanding the towns have paid liberally for the teaching of the subject for many years. So much for the past.

Now music is taught in the same manner as any other subject, individually. Would you have gotten more than 20 per cent. of the children to read, spell or do number work if the work had always been done classwise? Everything but music has been done individually and now we have put music on the same basis and results have shown the wisdom of our choice.

In towns where the method has been used two years 75 per cent. of the children can sing, alone and unaided, correctly in time, tune and syllable name when before by actual test less than 20 per cent. could do the same thing. Here in your town, though the method has been in use but six months, more than 50 per cent. will stand the test. Class singing is not neglected, in fact the children are able to sing more songs because they know what they are doing.

We find three classes of children: positives, passives and negatives. The last class are special care and with the help we give them through their school days we are able to teach most of them to sing and all to read music.

Time, the bugbear of the musician, is taught in the most thorough manner.

A record is kept of each pupil, showing his weakness and thereby giving us a chance to furnish him the help most needed. The regular teachers have shown unusual enthusiasm and have accomplished much more than was expected. We do not expect the impossible of any pupil but from the manner in which music is now taught every child can learn to read music and 90 per cent., sing. This is our ambition.

In the high school, besides the chorus singing, regular grade-work drill is given in the mechanics of music. After this is finished work should be given in advanced music

including harmony etc., following the plan suggested by the New England Educational League. Small towns have an opportunity to do pioneer work in high school music and your supervisor wishes to be counted as standing for advanced work. Soon we shall send children into the high school prepared to do this work and the question arises whether we shall do just unprogressive chorus singing or continue and fit them to receive the credits allowed for entrance by several of the colleges. If this plan is adopted music should be a regular study to take the place of one subject, marks allowed and music counting towards a diploma the same as any other study. Such a course should be elective. At present a pupil doing regular work in a high school has no time for music, all his time is required for other things. If his music could take the place of one subject he could have four years of the best time in his life to devote to the one thing to which he is adapted. This plan would save those musically inclined, as under the present conditions a pupil must either give up his high school or his music or break down under the amount of work he is trying to do. I recommend that this matter of music in high schools be brought to the notice of your committee. Perhaps some arrangement can be made soon to do this work and give credit marks.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. KEYES.

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#### REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

*To the Superintendent of Schools :*

DEAR SIR :—Interest in drawing continues in the schools. People who attended the exhibition of school work at the close of last year saw some of the children's work in drawing.



It is hoped, however, that the best result is not on paper but rather in the quickened minds of the children themselves.

The aim of the course in drawing is to develop ability, to train the taste, and to give something which may go with and help the pupil through life. Mr. Sargent, state director of drawing, says, "An awakening comes to children who have been taught drawing, which comes in no other way."

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the interest and support given to this department by Superintendent and School Board. Thanks are due the teachers as well for their unfailing kindness and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA H. HAYNES.

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## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

*To the Superintendent of Schools :*

DEAR SIR :—I present herewith my fourth annual report as principal of the Townsend High School.

The school year of 1904 closed June 23 with graduation exercises in Memorial Hall. The following program was given.

### PROGRAM.

"Golden Bells,"

*Smith*

ALBERT G. SEAVER.

"Anchored,"

*Watson*

HIGH SCHOOL.



Prayer,

REV. B. A. WILLMOTT.

"The Holy City,"

*Adams*

PERCY W. PRICE.

Address, "Lessons of Graduation Day,"

SUPT. JOSEPH G. EDGERLY, FITCHBURG, MASS.

"Rose of My Life,"

*Rose*

JOHN MANCHESTER.

Presentation of Diploma,

SUPT. FAIRFIELD WHITNEY.

Reception.

GRADUATE.

ETHEL ALBERTA MILLER.

During the summer of 1904 quite extensive changes and improvements were made in the interior of our school building. The chemical laboratory was supplied with a demonstration table, provided with sink and piped for water thus greatly increasing its convenience and usefulness.

The room formerly used for the superintendent's office was provided with an apparatus closet and is now used for a physical laboratory and general recitation purposes. The removal of physical apparatus from the chemical laboratory, where it was exposed to the fumes of gases and acids arising from experiments, had almost become imperative in order to preserve it from corrosion and consequent deterioration. These changes together with the general reflooring, refurnishing and repainting have done much to make the building measure up to the standard of excellence demanded by the town in its public buildings.

Owing to the placing of the ninth grammar grade in the high school room it became necessary to transfer the high school from its quarters in the ell to the large room in the main building and to employ a second assistant.

School reopened September 6 with J. H. Hefflon, principal, Mabel W. Winn, first assistant and Abbie H. Hilton, a graduate of Boston University, second assistant. Miss Hilton resigned December 26 and Grace A. Small was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Small is a graduate of Boston University and has had some experience in teaching.

Fifty-six pupils have been enrolled, classified as follows: ninth grade, thirteen; freshmen, sixteen; sophomores, nine; juniors, six; seniors, ten; special, two.

The system of teaching music, introduced this year, has been only partially tested in the high school but I see no reason why pupils with any natural ability in singing, beginning this work in the primary grades and following it through the high school, should not be able to read and sing music of considerable difficulty at sight. I would like to see music made a part of the high school course and efficiency therein credited to pupils in their work for a diploma.

Besides the more systematic teaching of music we have made some other changes in our work, either necessitated by college entrance requirements or essential to meet some need of our pupils. Spelling has been made a general exercise twice a week for the whole school. We have made our course in advanced physics and chemistry individual laboratory work, extended the work in advanced algebra and geometry, increased the amount of French reading and have in view still other needed changes and additions if the present number of teachers is retained.

Right at this point I wish to urge strongly upon the attention of parents the necessity of a careful oversight of the selection of studies made by the pupils at the beginning of

each year. Our course is almost wholly elective and it is well that it should be so. We wish to serve the greatest number possible. If a pupil can see his way clear to spend but one year or even less time in our high school it is his privilege to come and select those studies which he thinks would be most useful to him and he is welcomed. If a pupil wishes to fit for college he may select those studies essential for the purpose. If he wishes a broad general course or a narrow special course he may elect it under our system, but—and here is the point I wish to drive home—when a pupil takes advantage of our broad elective course to select those studies which he thinks easy so that he may slide through and secure a diploma with the least possible effort, such pupil should have his slide end abruptly in a fall which should land him at a workbench earning his living.

It is my conviction that parents are in duty bound to see to it that their children elect some definite course of study which shall include at least one study in language, in science, in mathematics, and in history during each of the four years. By such a selection of studies the pupil secures a balanced intellectual ration which stimulates and strengthens every intellectual faculty. This matter comes wholly within the control of parents and I would urge them to consult carefully our course of study which has been printed in the school reports of 1901 and 1902.

The same method has been followed as in former years to secure care in use of books, supplies and school furnishings. While I find some carelessness in the use of books and supplies I find no wanton destructiveness.

I am glad to be able to state that there is in our high school a very general spirit of good feeling, honesty and self control, which deserves public commendation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. HEFFLON.

## REPORTS OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

*To the Superintendent of Schools :*

I have returned one truant to school and given advice in two other cases.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL O'BRIEN.

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*To the Superintendent of Schools :*

I have investigated four cases this year. Two children were sick, one had moved out of town and one was away on a visit but entered school on his return home.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Patch.

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## FROM THE SCHOOL CENSUS FOR SEPTEMBER 1.

	1903	1904
Boys between the ages of five and fifteen,	118	127
Girls between the ages of five and fifteen,	136	128
Boys between the ages of seven and fourteen,	78	90
Girls between the ages of seven and fourteen,	95	95
Illiterate minors over fourteen years of age,	none	none

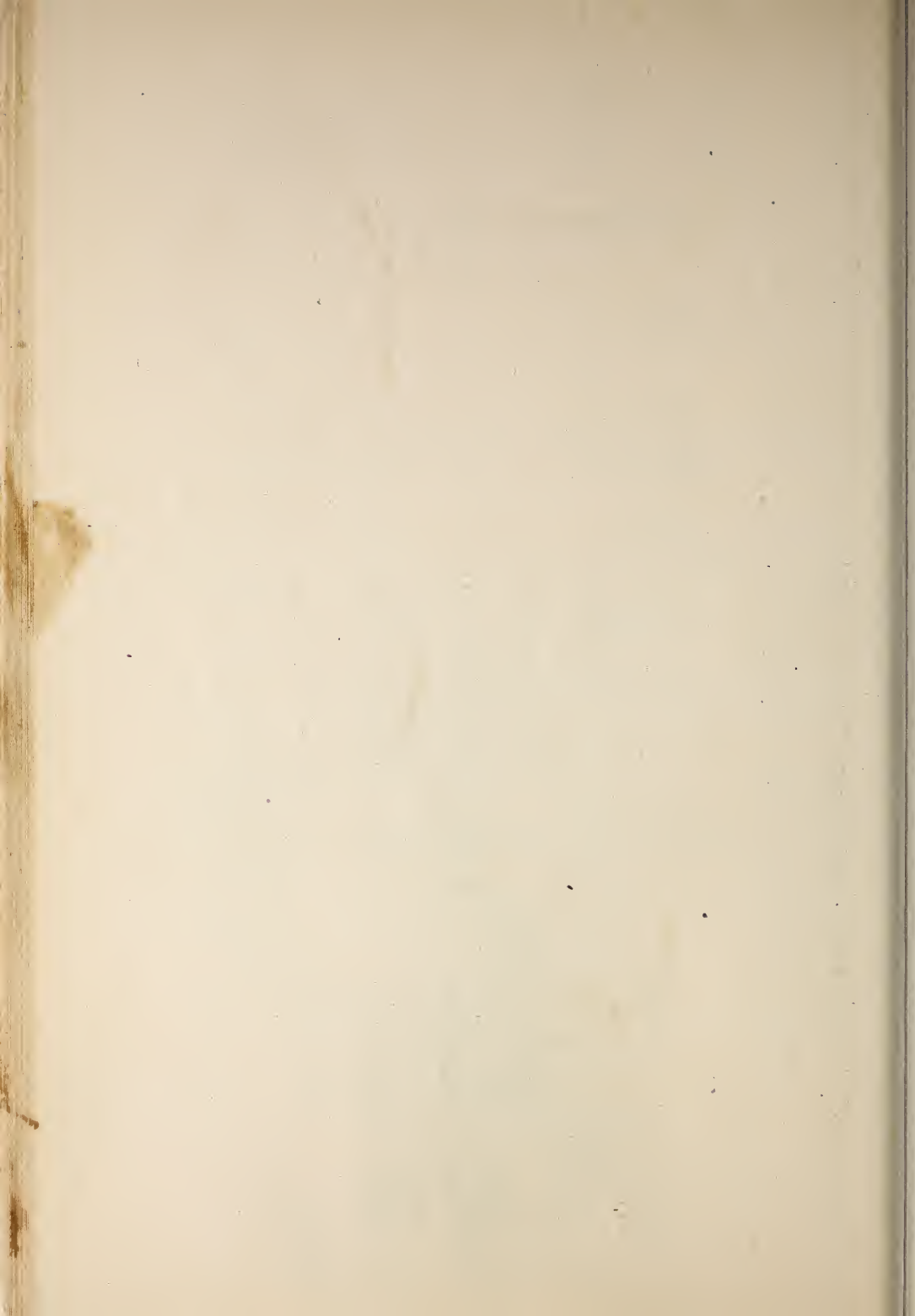
## STATISTICS FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 1904 TO FEBRUARY 24, 1905.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	ENROLLMENT.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	PER CENT. OF ATTENDANCE.
High,	J. H. Hefflon, Prin., Mabel W. Winn, Asst., Grace A. Small, Asst.,	56	55 19	53 22	96 43
Center Grammar.	Lucy E. Loring,	40	39 27	37 15	94 6
Intermediate "A",	Clara A. Craig,	28	29 23	26 88	91 96
Intermediate "B",	Lena E. Sewall,	35	33 68	30 14	89 49
Center Primary,	Martha E. Harrington,	39	34 2	31 73	92 78
West Grammar,	Wilda L. Vose,	35	29 72	27 59	92 83
West Primary,	Lucy H. Brooks,	32	26 49	21 17	79 91
Harbor,	Harriet M. Jones,	24	22 83	19 7	86 29
North End,	Josephine L. Sawin,	12	11 29	10 62	94 07
Totals,		301	281 9	258 2	91 59



# SCHOOL STATISTICS FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 1903 TO JUNE 23, 1904.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	TOTAL NUMBER ENROLLED.		AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.	PER CENT. OF ATTENDANCE.	PUPILS OVER 15 YEARS.	PUPILS BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS.	NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF TARDINESS.	NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF DISMISSAL.	TIME LOST BY TARDINESS AND DISMISSAL.		NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE.	NOT ABSENT TARDY OR DISMISSED.		
		BOYS	GIRLS								HOURS	MIN.		FALL.	WINTER.	SPRING.
High.	J. H. Hefflon, Principal, Mabel W. Winn, Assistant,	15	14	26 05	24 73	95 24	27	—	22	21	58	—	266	5	2	6
Center Grammar.	Lucy E. Loring,	23	31	48 75	45 97	94 3	5	31	55	17	13	33	507 5	16	7	9
Intermediate "A",	Clara A. Craig,	12	17	23 75	21 78	91 71	—	29	22	3	4	39	321 5	5	2	5
	Frances E. Roberts,															
Intermediate "B",	Lena E. Sewall,	17	20	35 75	32 07	89 71	—	37	82	12	15	54	629	6	3	4
Center Primary.	Martha E. Harrington,	16	23	30 56	72 12	88 92	—	14	80	12	14	—	599	2	0	2
West Grammar.	Wilda L. Vose,	16	15	25 76	23 68	91 59	1	25	40	33	25	30	313	7	0	2
West Primary.	Lucy H. Brooks,	16	18	28 31	23 39	82 62	—	24	68	11	10	49	493 5	1	2	2
Harbor,	Augusta L. Hill,	14	7	21 89	20 25	92 51	—	16	95	16	31	35	329	2	2	1
North End,	Annie R. Copeland,	8	8	14 55	14 07	96 54	—	10	22	15	11	5	88	2	3	2
	Totals,	137	153	255 37	233 06	91 26	33	186	486	140	185	5	3546 5	46	21	33



# FINANCIAL REPORT.

## TEACHERS' SALARY FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Appropriation,	\$3,500.00
From Superintendency Fund,	300.00
	<hr/> \$3,800.00

## PAID.

Teachers' wages,	\$3,800.00
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## SUPERINTENDENCY FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Balance from last year,	\$360.00
Appropriation,	450.00
From the State,	750.00
	<hr/> \$1,560.00

## PAID.

Transferred to Teachers' Salary Fund,	\$300.00
Fairfield Whitney, salary,	900.00
Balance to be paid superintendent on or before July 1, 1905,	360.00
	<hr/> \$1,560.00

## MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Balance from last year,	\$219.94
Income, Jan. 25, 1905,	777.36
Part of 1906 income sent by mistake,	125.56

## PAID.

Teachers' salaries,	\$680.50
Apparatus for High School,	42.10
Transportation,	12.40
Balance,	387.86
	<hr/> \$1,122.86

## TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

## INCIDENTALS FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Appropriation,	\$2,000.00
State, tuition of resident wards,	69.30
Boston, tuition of resident wards,	144.50
Tuition,	229.00
Joslinville school house,	130.00
No. 12 school house,	175.00
Supplies sold,	8.03
Use of Seminary Hall,	29.06
Town, expense at Seminary Hall,	24.78
North Star Lodge, rent, fuel, janitor etc.,	96.25
	<hr/> \$2,905.92

## PAID.

Support of schools,	\$2,800.66
Seminary Hall, fuel and care,	49.01
Odd Fellows' Hall, fuel and janitor,	56.25
	<hr/> \$2,905.92

## SUMMARY.

## RECEIVED.

Balance, Superintendency Fund,	\$360.00
Balance, Massachusetts School Fund,	219.94
Appropriation, town,	6,405.09
State, including Mass. School Fund,	1,722.22
Boston and other sources,	381.53
	<hr/> \$9,088.78

## PAID.

Teachers,	\$4,480.50
Truant officer,	1.00
Superintendent,	900.00
Books and supplies for schools,	334.07
Books and supplies sold,	8.03

## Transportation :

Old City and South Row,	\$458.50
Caper Corner,	179.75
Dixon,	49.00
Harbor,	259.75
Town Farm,	49.00
Bayberry Hill East,	39.00
Bayberry Hill West,	172.05
Joslinville,	42.10
Wallace Hill,	171.50
Fitchburg Road,	138.00
	<hr/> \$1,558.65

## Care and cleaning :

West,	\$93.75
Center,	327.32
Harbor,	24.15
North End,	7.00
	<hr/> \$452.22

## Fuel :

West,	\$40.57
Center,	371.88
Harbor,	13.35
North End,	18.25
	<hr/> \$444.05

## Seminary Hall:

Fuel,	\$14.93
Care,	34.08

## Odd Fellows' Hall :

Fuel,	31.25
Janitor etc.,	25.00
	<hr/> \$105.26



## Sundries :

Census,	\$3.00	
Exhibit,	9.42	
R. R. fares,	1.68	
Graduation,	19.71	
Printing and stationery,	8.90	
Sale of school houses,	3.85	
Use of field, West,	2.00	
Water, North End,	2.00	
Postage, Tel. and Tel.	6.58	
	<hr/>	\$57.14

## Balances :

Supt. Fund,	\$360.00	
Mass. School Fund,	387.86	
	<hr/>	\$747.86    \$9,088.78

## REPAIR FUND.

## RECEIVED.

Appropriation,	\$4,000.00	
Edw. E. Babb & Co., seats,	21.75	
C. W. Sherwin, seats,	6.00	
A. S. Howard, flooring,	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,037.75

## PAID.

## West :

Painting,	\$6.90	
Lumber and labor,	16.09	
Hardware and labor,	8.80	
Seats and furniture,	33.30	
Sundries,	6.90	
	<hr/>	\$71.99

## Center :

Painting,	\$257.00
Lumber and labor,	357.06
Hardware and labor,	133.83
Seats and furniture,	738.76
Mason, material and labor,	36.80
Slate for blackboards,	178.02
Floors,	378.58
Furnace and roof, repairs,	22.87
Sundries,	51.51
	<hr/> \$2,154.43

## Harbor :

Painting:	\$73.00
Lumber and labor,	70.37
Hardware and labor,	21.78
Seats and furniture,	98.37
Mason, material and labor,	10.20
Slate for blackboards,	20.88
Sundries,	8.33
	<hr/> \$302.93

Unexpended balance,

\$1,508.40  


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\$4,037.75

We have examined the reports of your school committee and found the same correct and properly vouched for.

WM. H. LANG, }  
 HENRY A. HILL, } *Auditors.*

# REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

OLIVER PROCTOR,

BENJ. A. WILLMOTT,

EVELYN L. WARREN.

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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The statistical report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1905,  
is as follows :

### ADDITIONS.

Number of books as given in library at beginning of fiscal year,	4.546
Number added by purchase,	121
Number added by gift,	29
Number added by binding magazines,	16
Total additions for year,	<hr/> 166
	<hr/> 4.712

### WITHDRAWALS.

From discrepancies found when recataloguing,	109
Number of volumes in library at present time,	<hr/> 4 603

The circulation for the year has been 7,709; of this number 2,597 have been sent to West Townsend. The largest circulation for any month was 1,086 for April; the smallest

for any month was 402. The largest circulation for any day was 212 for March 5.

There have been purchased for the reading table the following magazines: Atlantic Monthly, Contemporary Review, Harper's, The Indians' Friend, Ladies' Home Journal, Literary Digest, McClure's, New England, Public Libraries, Puck, Review of Reviews, Scientific American, St. Nicholas and Youth's Companion. Friends and publishers have contributed Donahue's, Dumb Animals, Fitchburg Daily Sentinel, Success and Woman's Journal. Bulletins from Hatch Experiment Station can be found on reading table.

During the year the Library has been recatalogued by Mrs. Warren according to modern methods. This Dewey Decimal Classification is daily meeting with the approval of the reading public and has greatly facilitated matters for those having the work in charge.

From Mr. Edward Ordway of Cambridge the Library received a donation of \$50 00 to help defray the expenses of recatalogueing. With the surplus proceeds of the Lecture Course of last year the Committee presented to the Library, Morley's "Life of Gladstone" and Trevelyan's "American Revolution", three volumes of each, which for reference are much appreciated.

A set of pictures "Queer things seen across the sea" has been loaned to the Library by the Woman's Education Association of Boston.

The work at West Townsend still continues to be supported by Mrs. Charles S. Homer; Mr. Ivers P. Sherwin providing a place in his store for the exchange of books.

The teachers and pupils of the public schools have taken advantage of the books of reference and classical reading and no doubt have much appreciated the Library's facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE S. BEGG, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF  
TREASURER OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DR.

Cash on hand March 1, 1904,	\$39 59
Received for books purchased through library,	2 30
Amount of dog licenses,	286 85
Of Mrs. C. S. Homer, for free delivery of books at West Townsend,	25 00
From Piano Fund Committee,	6 50
From fines	14 06
For books purchased through library,	2 64
From purchasing committee,	53
Interest on Charles Emery Fund,	20 20
	<hr/> \$397 67

CR.

Paid Salary of Miss Alice V. Seaver,	\$20 00
Salary of Miss Annie S. Begg,	100 00
Salary of Mrs. T. J. Harvey, for assisting Saturday afternoons,	9 50
Purchasing supplies and postage,	8 92
Teaming and express,	4 46
Binding books. F. J. Barnard,	23 65
Purchase of books, R. H. White,	99 43
Purchase of books. Phil. book store,	15 15
Purchase of books, R. H. White,	3 13
Mitchell's Labor,	1 37
Stoddard's Lectures,	2 20
T. J. Harvey, for magazines for reading table,	32 47
Repairing clock,	75
Subscription to the Indians' Friend,	50



## LIBRARY REPORT.

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Addendum to Pioneers of Mass.,	10	
Books to replace damaged ones,	1 11	
Helping with trunk for West Townsend,	3 05	
	<hr/>	\$325 79
*Amount on hand,		71 88
		<hr/>
		\$397 67
Amount of Charles Emery Fund,		\$500 00

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 RECATALOGUING THE LIBRARY.

## DR.

Received from appropriation by town,	\$250 00	
Gift by Mr. Edward Ordway,	50 00	
Sale of new catalogus,	12 83	
	<hr/>	\$312 83

## CR.

Paid to Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren, for recata-		
loguing the library,	\$75 00	
George A. Wilder, for printing new		
catalogues,	212 07	
Miss Ruth Warren, 69¾ hours,	6 98	
Miss Annie S. Begg, 52½ hours,	5 25	
Mrs. Evelyn L. Warren, 68½ hours,	6 85	
	<hr/>	\$306 15
*Cash on hand,		\$6 68
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		\$312 83

\*This surplus will be necessary for immediate use, printing of new cards, a new ledger and completing the re-cataloguing of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN A. WILLMOTT, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the above account and found it correct.

HENRY A. HILL, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF JANITOR OF MEMORIAL HALL.

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TOWNSEND, MASS., MARCH 1, 1905.

Received for rent of Memorial Hall from

March 1, 1904 to May 1, 1904, \$8 00

Dish broken, 25

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Paid G. A. Wilder, Town Treasurer, \$8 25

TIMES HALL WAS USED FOR WHICH NO CHARGE WAS MADE.

March 4, 1904, Townsend Memorial Association.

March 11, Townsend Lecture Course.

March 25, Townsend Lecture Course.

April 4, Townsend Memorial Association, B. Hall.

JOHN D. FINEGAN, *Janitor*.

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TOWNSEND, MASS., MARCH 1, 1905.

*To the Board of Selectmen:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of submitting the following report of rent received for Memorial Hall from May 1, 1904 to March 1, 1905.

May 3, B. B. A., Concert, \$6 00

June 2, Shepherd Picture Co., 6 00

" 26, I. O. O. F., Memorial Services, 6 00

Aug.	16,	B. B. A., Dance,	5 00
Sept.	5,	B. B. A., Dance,	5 00
"	16,	D. C. Miller, Dancing School,	6 00
"	23,	" " " "	6 00
"	30,	" " " "	6 00
Oct.	7,	" " " "	6 00
"	12,	Salisbury Picture Co.,	12 00
"	14,	D. C. Miller, Dancing School,	6 00
"	21,	" " " "	6 00
"	22,	Townsend Lecture Course,	5 00
"	26,	Pomona Grange,	5 00
"	28,	D. C. Miller, Dancing School,	6 00
Nov.	4,	" " " "	6 00
"	11,	" " " "	6 00
"	14,	Townsend Grange,	5 00
"	18,	D. C. Miller, Dancing School,	6 00
"	24,	Local Dance,	6 00
"	29,	Townsend Lecture Course,	5 00
Dec.	2,	D. C. Miller, Dancing School,	6 00
"	7,	Townsend Lecture Course,	5 00
"	9,	D. C. Miller, Dancing School,	6 00
"	16,	" " " "	6 00
"	23,	" " " "	6 00
1905.			
Jan.	6,	" " " "	6 00
"	13,	" " " "	6 00
"	19,	Coopers' Ball,	8 00
"	24,	Townsend Lecture Course,	5 00
Feb,	9,	Shepherd Moving Picture Co.,	10 00
"	10,	Local Dance,	6 00
"	17,	Townsend Lecture Course,	5 00
"	28,	Moving Picture Co.,	10 00

Paid G. A. Wilder, Town Treasurer,

\$211 00

TIMES HALL WAS USED FOR WHICH NO CHARGE WAS MADE.

- May 23. Special Town Meeting.  
" 27. School Exercises.  
" 30. Memorial Day.  
June 10. School Exhibiton.  
June 29. Reunion of Alumni.  
" 23. Graduation of High School.  
July 5. Funeral of C W. Dix.  
Aug. 5. Old Home Day.  
Sept 28. Republican Caucus.  
Oct. 5. Funeral of H. W. Eldredge,  
Nov. 22. T. M. A., Reception to Dramatic Club.  
Dec. 13. Leominster Dramatic Club, Benefit T. M. A.  
" 29. Concert. Benefit of Townsend Band.  
1905.  
Feb. 24. Firemen's Ball.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL GILLIS. *Janitor.*

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

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*To the Board of Selectmen :*

Number of cattle found diseased, and killed by the order of the Cattle Bureau, nine cows.

JOHN N. GOING. *Inspector.*



# TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1905.

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT TOWNSEND CENTER.

1904.	RECEIPTS.	
March 1.	Cash balance from 1903,	\$69 96
April 23.	Balance from town treasurer, due from 1903,	178 47
	Clarence King, deed of lot,	1 00
	Mrs. W. D. Floyd, deed of lot,	1 00
	Mrs. Elsie Parker, deed of lot,	1 00
	Mr. Fred Flagg, deed of lot,	1 00
	F. A. Parker, deed of lot,	1 00
	A. D. Fessenden, six lots,	6 00
	Stephen Swicker, for grading lot,	3 96
	Charles M. Swicker, care of lot,	75
April 25.	A. M. Levy, foundation for head- stone,	3 00
	A. M. Levy, for setting headstone,	10
	Fairfield Whitney, for fertilizer,	2 50
	H. B. Hildreth, for fertilizer,	1 00
	A. C. Misner, for grading lot,	4 38
	L. T. Parker, for grading lot,	7 60
	Cash for setting headstone,	1 00
	J. O'Brien, care of lot,	50
	A. D. Turner, for loam,	42

	A. D. Turner, mowing lots,	25
Aug. 13.	G. A. Wilder, Treas., interest,	\$98 84
	Mrs. E. A. Newton, care of lot,	1 80
	Mrs. Levi Stearns, care of lot,	1 00
	Miss Ellen Haynes, care of lot,	1 00
	John B. Blood, care of lot,	1 00
	Dr. L. G. Chandler, care of lot,	1 25
	C. B. Hart, care of lot,	1 85
	A. E. Burt, care of lot,	1 50
	Martha Gilson, care of lot,	1 00
	Miss Lizzie Whitcomb, care of lot,	1 00
	Thomas J. Harvey, care of lot,	1 50
	O. T. & E. W. Bruce, care of lot,	1 50
	John Finegan, care of lot,	75
	W. A. Russell, care of lot,	2 65
	W. D. Hinds Est., care of lot,	1 50
	H. Barnes, care of lot,	1 00
	V. Miller, care of lot,	1 25
	Mrs. I. Warner, care of lot,	50
	Kilbourn Girls, care of lot,	50
	Cash,	30
	H. F. Green, care of lot,	1 00
	Mrs. G. L. Baldwin, care of lot,	1 00
	D. S. Spaulding, care of lot,	1 00
	Angela Boutelle, care of lot,	1 25
	C. F. Worcester, care of lot,	1 90
	Mrs. Jonas Spaulding, care of lot,	4 25
	M. L. Whitcomb, care of lot,	1 00
	R. B. Adams, care of lot,	2 25
	B. H. Warner, care of lot,	2 50
	C. W. Hildreth, care of lot,	1 25
	Albert Davis, care of lot,	2 75
	Mrs. Helen Stickney, care of lot,	50
	C. B. Hart, cleaning up lot,	1 25

## TOWN OF TOWNSEND.

		L. C. Jeffs, care of lot,	1 25
		E. P. Brown, care of lot,	1 75
		J. W. Eastman, care of lot,	1 75
		George L. Eastman, care of lot,	1 75
		Odd Fellows, care of lot,	3 75
		A. A. Gerrish, care of lot,	1 40
		Lucy J. Lawrence, care of lot,	50
		Mrs. Anson Spaulding, care of lot,	1 50
		" " " " " 1903	1 00
		Lydia C. Farley, care of lot,	1 50
Feb.	3.	A. D. Fessenden, care of lot,	2 50
		Samuel Warren, care of lot,	1 00
		David Wood, care of lot,	1 75
		Levi Farrar, care of lot,	2 00
		George H. Brown, care of lot,	2 00
Total,			<hr/> \$453 88

1904.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

April	11.	Leander Maynard, wheelbarrow.	\$2 50
	15.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 3 days, 8 hrs.,	5 70
	23.	G. A. Wilder, printing,	1 00
		F. A. Parker, labor, 6 days, 3 hrs.,	9 45
		G. W. Felton, labor, 7 days,	10 50
		R. T. Brown, labor, 7 days, 1 hr.,	10 65
	27.	John Dobson, 24 bu. hen dressing,	4 80
	30.	R. T. Brown, labor, 3 days, 4 hrs.,	5 10
May	3.	B. Manning, 42 bu. hen dressing,	8 40
April	27.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 5 days,	7 50
May	7.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 5 days, 7 hrs.,	8 55
		R. T. Brown, labor, 5 days, 6½ hrs.,	8 48
	16.	G. W. Felton, labor, 2 days, 2½ hrs.,	3 38

May	14.	R. T. Brown, labor, 5 days, 2 hrs.,	\$7 80
		J. P. Hildreth, labor, 4 days, 2 hrs.,	7 20
	17.	H. B. Hildreth, record book, env.,	2 82
	21.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 4 days,	6 00
		R. T. Brown, 5 days, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour,	7 58
	28.	S. J. Stearns, drawing foundation	
		stone for monument,	1 00
		labor and teaming,	50
		J. P. Hildreth, labor, 4 days, 7 hrs.,	7 05
		R. T. Brown, 3 days, 4 hrs.,	5 35
June	4.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 3 days, 1 hr.,	4 65
	6.	C. W. Hildreth, 1 snath, 80; 6 bbls;	
		90, 2 scythes, 1 70,	3 40
	4.	R. T. Brown, labor, 3 days,	4 50
	10.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 75
	11.	R. T. Brown, labor, 5 days, 1 hr.,	7 65
	21.	H. B. Hildreth, signs for cemetery,	8 25
	17.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 4 days,	6 00
	18.	R. T. Brown, labor, 5 days, $7\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.,	8 63
April	18.	Clarence Stickney, 4 bgs. fertilizer,	7 60
May	5	2 bgs. fertilizer,	3 80
June	22.	H. B. Hildreth, 1 doz Boston Ivy,	2 00
		express,	25
		express on markers,	65
	21.	B. H. Savage, use of team, 28 hrs.,	3 50
	25.	R. T. Brown, labor, 4 days, $3\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.,	6 52
	23.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 25
	30.	S. J. Stearns, self and team, 10 hrs.,	2 50
July	2.	J. P. Hildreth, labor, 3 days, 2 hrs.,	4 80
June	28.	R. T. Brown, labor, 1 day, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.	1 73
	9	J. P. Hildreth, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 25
July	16.	J. P. Hildreth, 5 days, 3 hours,	8 10
	19.	Joseph Gorham, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days mowing,	3 75
	22.	J. P. Hildreth, 5 days labor,	7 50

July	25.	R. T. Brown, 1 days labor,	1 50
	30.	J. P. Hildreth, 5 days, 8 hours,	8 70
Aug.	1.	W. J. Baxter, 5½ days mowing,	8 25
	27.	R. T. Brown, 7 days labor,	10 50
		C. R. Brown, 3 days, 7 hours labor,	5 55
May	16.	Stickney & Son, index of cem. lots,	
		and making list of owners,	18 20
Sept.	10.	Stop and waste cock,	2 00
		R. T. Brown, 4 days labor,	6 00
		C. R. Brown, 1½ days labor,	2 25
Aug.	4.	J. P. Hildreth, 3 days labor,	4 50
July	29.	G. F. Hildreth, 2½ days,	3 75
Oct.	28.	J. P. Hildreth, care of water pipes,	1 00
Nov.	30.	S. J. Stearns, work on Hart lot,	1 25
		Fertilizer for Stickney lot,	50
Dec.	13.	E. R. Cook, 49 hours pumping,	9 80
Oct.	26.	G. A. Wilder, printing bill heads,	1 00
		G. H. Brown, loam and grading,	2 75
Feb.	11.	B. & A. D. Fessenden, 1310 lbs. coal,	4 91
		Repairs on pump, pipes etc.	10 49

Total at Center cemetery,	\$347 24
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## SUMMARY.

Receipts at Townsend Center,	\$430 58
Receipts at West Townsend,	23 30
Total receipts,	\$453 88
Disbursements at Townsend Center,	\$347 24
Disbursements at West Townsend,	23 30
Total disbursements,	\$370 54
Cash balance,	83 34
	\$453 88



March 1, 1905. Balance of Cemetery Fund due  
Commissioners from Treas., \$274 52

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. HILDRETH,

G. A. WILDER,

W. Z. SHERWIN,

*Cemetery Commissioners.*

Examined and found correct.

WM. H. LANG, *Auditor.*

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## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

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Paid J. M. Campbell, cutting brush,	\$18 50
Oren Lawrence, " "	2 25
Joel S. Cook, " "	21 43
H. H. Wyman, " "	4 50
B. H. Savage, " "	1 50
Asa K. Tyler, " "	27 50
W. M. Lawrence, one bush scythe,	1 50
	<hr/> \$77 18

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL S. COOK, *Tree Warden.*

## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1905.

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*To the Board of Selectmen :*

GENTLEMEN ;—I beg leave to make the following report as Chief of Police for the year ending March 1, 1905.

The criminal docket of the first District Court of Northern Middlesex shows the following cases brought before the court from the Town of Townsend from March 1, 1904 to March 1, 1905.

Liquor nuisance,	3
Larceny,	1
Drunkenness,	1
Search warrants for Intoxicating Liquors,	2

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL O'BRIEN, *Chief.*

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## LIGHTING STREETS.

### TOWNSEND HARBOR.

Amount allotted by Selectmen.	\$100 00
Overdrawn.	17 55
Paid O. S. Ball, lighting and care of lights.	\$93 14
A. C. Josselyn, supplies,	24 41
	<hr/> \$117 55

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. JOSSELYN.

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

AMOUNTS RAISED BY VOTE OF TOWN APRIL 4, 1904.

Highways, bridges and snow paths,	\$2,200 00
Support of poor,	1,500 00
Town officers,	600 00
General expenses,	600 00
Memorial Hall,	300 00
Memorial Day,	125 00
Interest,	500 00
School teachers,	3,500 00
School Superintendent,	450 00
School incidentals,	2,000 00
Fire department,	400 00
Fire department incidentals,	250 00
Teams to fires,	50 00
Chief Engineer,	25 00
Sidewalks,	200 00
Lighting streets,	750 00
Suppression of illegal sale of liquor,	200 00
Watering trough at Harbor,	5 00
Insurance,	55 00
Old Home Week,	300 00
Band Concerts,	200 00
*Repairs on school buildings,	2,500 00
Painting and repairing town farm build's.,	300 00
Electric lights for engine house at Center,	100 00
Copying vital statistics,	40 00
New hose,	400 00
Tree Warden,	100 00
Catalogues for library,	250 00
Catch basin near Martha Gilson,	50 00
	<hr/> \$17,950 00

State tax,	\$ 975 00
State highway tax,	210 55
County tax,	1,318 12
Overlayings,	706 69
Additions,	41 10
	<hr/> \$3,251 46
	<hr/> \$21,276 46

\*The town voted to raise \$4,000 00 for repairs on school buildings, but as the school committee concluded not to repair the school building at West Townsend only \$2,500 00 was raised.

Abatements, 1902,	\$12 18
Abatements, 1903,	\$47 31
Abatements, 1904,	\$43 18
Valuation of assessed personal estate,	\$220,214 00
Valuation of assessed real estate,	\$1,000,670 00
Total valuation of assessed estate,	
May 1, 1904.	\$1,220,884 00
Rate per \$1,000 00,	\$14 80

B. L. BECKONERT,	} Assessors of Townsend
RICH'D McELLIGOTT,	
A. C. JOSSELYN,	

# HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

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## REPORT OF JOHN E. DONOVAN.

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Adams, U. S.	\$ 63 33
Donovan Bros., men and teams,	146 85
Williams, W. E.	35 00
Wharff, E. D.	20 25
Titus, T. W.	17 25
Gregory, George	14 25
Powell, Fred	23 70
Gorham, Joseph	16 34
Floyd, Percy,	23 50
Herbert, A. L.	2 20
McAvoy, William	12 75
Moore, H. J.	3 75
Woods, F. A. team and gravel,	31 65
Wyman, H. H. and son,	24 00
Miller, Robert	10 16
Mead, C. F.	3 00
Palfreyman, F.	9 00
Powell, F.	16 50
Spaulding, H.	3 85
Farrar, F. R.	1 00
Perry, A. D. gravel,	7 90
Searl, H.	3 00
Burt, A. E. nails,	35
Ball, Oren S. moving stone,	50
Jefts, L. C. cleaning ditch,	50
	<hr/> \$490 58



## SIDEWALKS AT HARBOR.

J. S. Cook,

\$17 81

## BREAKING ROADS AND SNOWPATHS.

Adams, U. S.	\$18 11
Woods, F. A.	1 00
Miller, Robert	5 00
Blood, Byron	5 00
Blood, Moses	5 00
Moore, H. J.	6 40
Farrar, F. R.	3 20
Moulton, Frank	1 70
Cook, J. S.	7 25
Eaton, Andrew	2 40
Searles, L. S.	1 00
Wyman, H. H. and son,	2 40
Nelson, Charles	1 13
Seaver, I. A.	80
Palfreyman, Fred	1 60
Johnson, C. S.	1 80
Powell Bros.	4 20
Parker, J. N.	1 60
Johnson, G. A.	7 80
Donovan Bros.	15 20
Wyeth, E. J. men and teams,	17 30
Spencer, Abner	80
Ronneberger, Wm. and man,	11 00
Fiske, A. L.	1 10
Norris, J. E.	2 40
Brown, G. W.	4 60
Williams, W. E.	1 20
Proctor G. A.	17 90
Jones, G. H.	4 80
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	\$153 69

J. E. DONOVAN, *Highway Surveyor.*

## REPORT OF A. K. TYLER.

## HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Gorham, Joseph	\$94 62	
Gregory, George	36 00	
Simonds, C. J.	41 25	
Floyd, Percy E.	48 75	
McAvoy, Wm.	30 75	
Adams, U. S.	121 00	
Adams, U. S. bridge plank,	7 90	
Lawton, G. F. use of team,	5 25	
O'Brien, Michael, gravel,	12 60	
Woodward, George	6 00	
Koch, Wm.	53 25	
Upton, Edgar W.	5 00	
Harriman, W. H.	18 00	
Savage, B. H.	3 80	
Hager, C. M. gravel,	5 00	
Farrar, James L.	46 20	
Trumbull, James	7 50	
Ballou, Geo. A.	152 00	
Brown, R. T.	13 50	
Brown, C. R.	3 00	
Corkum, Foster	3 00	
Tyler, A. K.	84 00	
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	\$798 37	\$798 37
Sidewalks,	\$117 50	
Cutting brush for Tree Warden,	27 50	
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	\$145 00	
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Cost highways and bridges,	\$653 37	
Received by order of Selectmen for		
highways and bridges,	\$650 00	
For sidewalks,	115 00	

From Tree Warden,	27 50	
From J. M. Coffey, for stone,	2 00	
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	\$794 50	\$794 50
Overdrawn appropriation,		<hr/>
		\$3 87

## HIGHWAY SNOWPATHS, 1904 AND 1905.

Farrar, James L. men and team,	\$6 00
Brown, G. H.	8 60
Bennett, Thomas D.	3 10
Fessenden, Geo. C.	2 00
Dix, Charles	5 35
Brown, R. T.	1 05
Woodward, Geo. W.	8 00
Whitcomb, Geo. L. time, team and cash paid,	12 09
Gravell, Lewis B. time, team and cash paid,	11 85
Adams, U. S. men and team,	6 00
Greenleaf, A. J.	80
Titus, T. W. and team,	8 00
Fessenden, B. & A. D.	8 00
Savage, B. H.	7 85
Tyler, A. K.	9 75
Simonds, C. J.	4 50
Goldthwaite, A.	1 36
Maynard, Leander	1 50
Peabody, S. C.	1 00
Campbell, M. A.	60
Greenleaf, A. J.	60
Barber, D. M.	11 00
Ballou, Geo. A.	6 00
White, Peregrine	2 60
McNear, Stanley B.	60
Gurley, W. O.	1 70

# HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

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Upham, Geo. J.	2 60	
Simonds, Leroy M.	1 00	
Farrar, S. M.	1 80	
	<hr/>	\$135 30

## SIDEWALK SNOWPATHS.

Woodward, Geo. W.	\$7 60
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## DRAIN NEAR MISS GILSONS.

Savage, B. H.	\$1 60	
Gorham, Joseph	6 00	
Koch, Wm.	4 50	
Koch, W. A.	75	
Tyler, A. K.	4 00	
King, George	1 40	
Fessenden, B. & A. D. brick,	1 25	
Cement,	50	
Drain pipe,	9 80	
Catch basin cover,	7 80	
	<hr/>	\$37 60
Appropriation,	\$50 00	
Balance unexpended,	12 40	
	<hr/>	\$37 60

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. TYLER, *Highway Surveyor.*

## REPORT OF THOMAS J. SMITH.

Labor on highways, bridges and sidewalks,	\$577 17	
Snow paths,	87 50	
	<hr/>	\$664 67

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. SMITH, *Highway Surveyor.*

## ACCOUNT OF F. W. DAVIS.

## SNOW PATHS.

Thompson, J. F.	\$1 40
Davis, F. W.	8 82
King, James	68
Campbell, John	2 55
Smith, T. J.	5 70
Rusk, Duncan	2 00
Thompson, J. F.	1 36
Manning, G. S.	11 40
	<hr/> \$33 91

FRED W. DAVIS.

## REPORT OF G. H. BROWN.

## SNOW PATHS AND ROADS FROM MAR. 1, TO APR. 1, 1904.

Wyeth, Elmer J.	\$19 00
Donovan Bros.	7 20
Stewart, W. J.	2 50
Wyman, H. H.	4 26
Moore, H. J.	2 25
Fessenden, George C.	3 00
Cooper, A. D.	1 80
Brown, G. H.	6 65
	<hr/> \$46 66

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE H. BROWN.



# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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## REPORT OF B. W. PARKER, SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN FARM.

FROM MARCH 1, 1904 TO MARCH 1, 1905.

### RECEIVED.

For Milk sold to Feb. 1, 1905,	\$626 34
Live stock,	83 00
Rent of Aker house,	20 00
Farm produce,	17 51
Board and lodgers,	65 87
Labor and use of teams,	21 05
Fertilizer sold,	5 50
Cash from town treasurer,	646 53
	—————\$1,485 80

### EXPENDED.

Labor,	\$404 86
Live stock,	67 00
Grain,	458 74
Supplies for house,	500 90
Medical attendance,	34 00
Standing grass,	18 00
Lumber and sawdust,	2 30
	—————\$1,485 80

## PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM

MARCH 1, 1905.

Farm tools,	\$418 28
Farm produce,	500 40
1,200 feet of lumber,	12 00
30 cords of wood,	50 00
Household supplies.	110 30
Household furniture,	393 01
	<hr/> \$1,483 99
2 horses,	\$225 00
2 bulls,	40 00
13 cows,	550 00
4 swine.	40 00
50 fowls,	25 00
	<hr/> \$880 00

Value of personal property at town farm

March 1, 1905,

\$2,363 99

## SUPPORT OF POOR AT TOWN FARM.

Personal property at town farm March 1, 1904,	\$2,077 54
Paid B. W. Parker, for use on farm,	\$646 53
B. W. Parker, salary to March 1, 1905,	500 00
R. S. Ely, medical attendance,	13 00
M. Gleason, casket for S. Gilson,	14 00
G. L. Whitcomb, steel rake,	22 00
A. E. Burt, repairs,	2 15
J. L. Farrar, team, Foster case,	1 00
H. B. Boynton, medical attendance,	19 50
F. J. Knight, blacksmithing,	31 31
L. G. Chandler, M. D.,	1 50
J. F. Thompson, lumber and grass,	11 80
	<hr/> \$1,262 79
	<hr/> \$3,340 33

## CONTRA.

Personal property at town farm March

I, 1905,

\$2,363 99

Board of Benjamin Foster,

28 37

Received for rent of Buckley house,

9 50

Due from J. F. Thompson, for logs,

74 38

Due February milk bill,

50 00

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\$2,526 24

Net cost of support of town farm,

\$814 09

Average cost per week,

\$1 87

Number of tramps lodged,

23

## PERSONS SUPPORTED AT TOWN FARM.

	Age.	Weeks.		Age.	Weeks.
Betsey Damon,	83	52	Stephen Martin,	87	52
Clarissa Brown,	83	52	Mary E. Neal,	74	52
Arvilla Adams,	80	51	Sarah E. Chase,	78	49
Claribell Richardson,	33	52	Frank W. Martin,	48	9
Laura F. Sloan,	48	52	Samuel Gilson,	96	3
George Stevens,	78	7			

## SUPPORT OF POOR ELSEWHERE THAN AT FARM.

John Dix :

Aid furnished,

\$120 00

Paid H. B. Boynton, medical attendance,

28 50

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\$148 50

G. W. Rundlett :

Paid D. H. Moore, rent,

\$60 00

J. F. Thompson, wood,

22 25

Clarence Stickney, wood,

5 25

M. Gleason, casket,

14 00

J. C. Hodgman,

4 00

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\$105 50

Mrs. Randall Cowdrey :  
 Paid Mrs. L. S. Nutting, board, \$78 00

Frank Martin :  
 Paid F. B. Farwell, board, \$62 50  
       L. G. Chandler, medical attendance, 6 75  
       ————— \$69 25

Mrs. Merrick :  
 Paid C. W. Hildreth, supplies, \$96 58  
       L. G. Chandler, medical attendance, 5 50  
       ————— \$102 08

Peter E. Robar :  
 Paid R. S. Ely, medical attendance, \$22 00  
       A. Reed, groceries, 17 61  
       E. D. Bliss, beef, 53  
       W. M. Lawrence, 3 97  
       ————— \$44 11

Whole amount due from Fitchburg.

Dexter Dickinson and wife:  
 Paid Franklin Adams, board, \$364 00  
       F. M. Bisbee, board, 156 01  
       R. S. Ely, medical attendance, 35 40  
       ————— \$555 41  
 Received from city of Fitchburg, \$400 44  
 Due from city of Fitchburg, 154 97  
       ————— \$555 41

Mary A. King :  
 Paid R. S. Ely, medical attendance, \$5 00

George DeVarney :  
 Paid R. S. Ely, medical attendance, \$6 00

## Solomon Warden :

Aid furnished,	\$75 77	
Paid R. S. Ely, medical attendance,	9 00	
H. B. Boynton, medical attendance,	10 00	
J. F. Thompson, wood,	6 50	
G. F. Morey, cutting wood,	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$102 37

## Martha A. Elliott :

Paid J. F. Thompson, fuel,	\$10 25	
W. M. Lawrence, supplies,	12 76	
R. S. Ely, medical attendance,	34 50	
M. Gleason, casket and robe,	14 00	
J. C. Hodgman, burial,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$75 51

## Mrs. Nathan Walker :

Paid J. F. Thompson, fuel,	\$13 00	
Clarence Stickney, coal,	6 69	
	<hr/>	\$19 69

## Forest Bush :

Paid W. M. Lawrence, supplies,	\$2 01	
Alexander Reed, supplies,	4 14	
R. S. Ely, medical attendance,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$14 15

## Wm. Bonney :

Paid Alexander Reed, groceries,	\$2 00	
Amount due from city of Fitchburg.		

## Horace W. Eldredge :

Paid B. & A. D. Fessenden, house rent,	\$56 00	
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## Ann Farrell :

Paid A. J. Atwood, medical attendance,	\$2 75	
U. S. Adams, wood,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$5 25



Margaret Coffey :	
Paid board and care, Worcester hospital,	\$15 00
Mrs. Ruhanah A. Seaver :	
Paid J. L. Farrar, casket and burial,	\$18 00
Lizzie Blanchard :	
Paid R. S. Ely, medical attendance,	\$6 00
Chas. E. Reed:	
Paid Mass. Hospital for Epileptics, board,	\$115 14
Total amount of orders drawn for support of poor elsewhere than at farm,	\$1,542 96

## CONTRA.

Received from city of Fitchburg, Dexter Dickinson case,	\$400 44
Due from city of Fitchburg, Dexter Dickinson case,	154 97
Received from city of Fitchburg, Wm. Bonney case,	2 00
Due from city of Fitchburg, Peter E. Robar case,	44 11
	<hr/> \$601 52
Net cost of poor elsewhere than at town farm,	\$941 44
Net cost of poor at town farm,	814 09
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Net cost support poor,	\$1,755 53
Appropriation,	1,500 00
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Overdrawn,	\$255 53

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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### HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation,		\$2,400 00
Paid A. K. Tyler,	\$782 15	
T. J. Smith,	577 17	
John Donovan,	507 89	
For supplies,	29 33	
	<hr/>	\$1,896 54

### SNOW PATHS.

Paid A. K. Tyler,	\$230 90	
T. J. Smith,	87 50	
John Donovan,	154 19	
Geo. H. Brown,	46 66	
F. W. Davis,	33 91	
	<hr/>	\$553 16

### AMOUNT EXPENDED BY BREAKING ROADS WITH SNOW ROLLER.

Paid J. L. Farrar,	\$12 15	
W. D. Farrar,	22 95	
J. A. Batchelder,	4 00	
Stephen Farrar,	24 70	
	<hr/>	\$63 80

Amount expended for highways, bridges, snow paths and sidewalks,	<hr/>	\$2,513 50
Overdrawn,		\$113 50

## STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation,		\$750 00
Paid U. S. Adams, as per contract,	\$637 50	
A. C. Josselyn, care lights at Harbor,	117 55	
Robert F. O'Brien, care of lamps,	23 76	
H. J. Miller, supplies,	4 42	
Clifford Bliss, care of lamps,	2 98	
G. A. Adams, supplies,	4 35	
	<hr/>	\$790 56
Overdrawn,		\$ 40 56

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation,	\$600 00
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## OLD CONTRACTS.

Paid W. M. Wharff, work on highway 1903,	\$2 30	
E. J. Wyeth, work on highway 1902,	2 25	
E. L. Wyman, work on highway 1901,	2 75	
F. J. Knight, balance due for street lighting 1903,	1 51	
	<hr/>	\$8 81

## POLICE.

Paid Michael O'Brien, special police service,	\$20 00	
F. A. Patch, special police service,	10 25	
F. J. Knight, special police service,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$36 25

## FIRE PATROL, JULY 3 AND 4.

Paid John Arlin,	\$2 50
Ai Richards,	2 50
H. E. Buckley,	4 00
J. J. Morse,	4 00
Sidney Weaver,	2 50

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Paid John Dobson,	\$4 00	
A. K. Tyler,	2 50	
Benjamin Hodgman,	2 50	
C. E. Gates,	2 50	
Samuel Gillis,	2 50	
M. O'Brien,	4 00	
F. A. Patch,	2 50	
Clarence Sherwin,	2 50	
J. F. Thompson,	4 00	
F. P. Farnsworth,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$46 50
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		\$82 75

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

Paid John N. Going,	\$113 00
One half to be returned by state.	

## ABATEMENTS OF TAXES FOR 1902.

Paid A. S. Howard, collector:	
B. W. Phelps,	\$2 18
Thomas Welch,	2 00
E. T. Harvey,	2 00
Eben Robinson,	2 00
Chas. A. Stickney,	2 00
Eli C. Tuttle,	2 00
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	\$12 18

## ABATEMENTS OF TAXES FOR 1903.

Paid A. S. Howard, collector:	
Joseph Cody,	\$2 00
W. A. Dickson,	2 00
Horace W. Eldredge,	2 00
G. H. Gates,	2 00
I. S. Gates,	1 00

W. M. Hughes,	2 00
O. N. Newell,	2 00
W. V. Newell,	2 60
Anthony Pippin,	2 38
Chas. C. Prescott, heirs,	5 25
J. N. Searles,	2 00
Samuel Sloan,	2 00
George C. Stevens,	2 00
Hugh Todd,	2 00
Mrs. Hugh Todd,	4 30
E. J. Webber,	2 00
Charles Welch,	2 00
Maria B. Wiggins,	1 28
F. S. Wright,	2 00
Clara Wyman,	1 50
Leonard R. Reed,	2 00
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	\$47 31

## ABATEMENTS OF TAXES FOR 1904.

Paid A. S. Howard, collector:

John Davis,	\$2 00
Eugene Cohen,	2 00
Chas. W. Dix,	2 00
Frank Daly,	2 00
H. W. Eldredge,	2 00
Carl Eden,	2 00
Joseph Baxter,	2 00
Reuben S. Cook,	2 00
Alden P. Gilcrest,	2 00
Justin Hodgman,	2 00
Eugene Robbins,	2 00
Anthony Pippin,	2 00
Samuel Sloan,	2 00
Hugh Todd,	2 00



H. D. Thomas,	\$ 30	
Frank W. Martin,	2 00	
L. F. Wood,	2 00	
E. D. Webster,	2 00	
Clara M. Wyman,	1 48	
Sarah M. Lawrence,	7 40	
	<hr/>	\$43 18
Total abatements,		<hr/> \$102 67

## INCIDENTALS.

Paid H. B. Hildreth, stamps,	\$2 45
M. O'Brien, telephoning and postage,	2 50
M. O'Brien, care of tramps,	2 25
G. A. Wilder, printing Board of Health notices, postal cards, dog blanks and license books,	6 00
J. L. Farrar, teams, account washout near Stickney mill,	2 25
G. H. Beckonert, repairs on ballot box,	5 00
H. L. Stickney, teller, April 1904,	2 00
G. A. Wilder, printing and stationery for selectmen's room,	14 35
F. J. Piper, teller, April 1904,	2 00
F. J. Piper, testing milk bottles,	2 50
T. E. Flarity, moderator, April 1904,	5 00
C. E. Patch, hall for registrars,	75
A. F. Stickney & Son, plan Mem. Hall,	2 75
A. C. Josselyn, postal cards for town meeting,	5 00
G. A. Wilder, printing town warrants,	2 50
Thomas Manning, court expense at Ayer,	15 43
Hobbs, Warren & Co., assessors book,	1 00
Town of Ashby, taxes on town farm,	2 25

Paid G. A. Wilder, treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license returned to State,	\$ 25
Lawrence Morgan, for damage sustained on highway,	50 00
J. L. Farrar, mowing and raking common,	3 75
J. L. Farrar, team for selectmen, account of damage on highway,	1 00
J. L. Farrar, teams to alms house,	1 76
Hobbs, Warren & Co., stationery,	88
M. O'Brien, gravel for park,	1 20
Hobbs, Warren & Co., collector's book,	2 00
U. S. Adams, damage to street lights, July 4,	2 95
U. S. Adams, electricity, July 4,	2 50
A. F. Stickney, printing,	1 25
G. A. Wilder, printing envelopes and bill heads,	75
W. H. Lang, auditor,	2 00
B. L. Beckonert, care fare to Ayer, John LePoer case.	50
B. L. Beckonert, express on collector's and valuation books,	50
B. L. Beckonert, perambulating town lines,	3 75
B. L. Beckonert, cash paid locating town bounds,	50
B. H. Savage, work on common,	4 00
G. A. Wilder, printing postal cards,	2 50
G. A. Wilder, postal cards,	4 40
J. L. Farrar, teams for perambulating town lines,	4 50
John D. Finegan, care of seats on common and cash paid,	4 90
Fred J. Piper, sealer of weights and measures,	2 50

Paid J. L. Farrar, team on account of highway at Harbor,	\$1 00
R. McElligott, copying assessors book,	14 00
R. McElligott, perambulating town line,	2 50
R. McElligott, trip to Boston, highway commission,	4 00
John J. Piper, services as teller, Nov. 8,	2 00
W. H. Lang, ballot clerk, Nov. 8,	2 00
G. A. Wilder, extra work on state election,	3 00
Dr. F. W. Lovejoy, returning birth,	25
Dr. L. G. Chandler, returning 5 births,	1 25
Dr. H. B. Boynton, returning 7 births,	1 75
G. A. Wilder, account of ballot box,	2 00
G. A. Wilder, printing registrar notices of meetings,	1 75
G. A. Wilder, printing dog license blanks,	2 00
C. F. Worcester, retainer and advice,	25 00
Dr. R. S. Ely, return of 6 births,	1 50
J. L. Farrar, team for selectmen,	50
D. H. Coffey, janitor, 2 registrars meetings,	1 00
A. F. Stickney, printing statements,	40
Dr. A. J. Atwood, return of 6 births,	1 50
W. M. Lawrence, use of telephone,	1 00
M. O'Brien, court expense at Ayer,	18 23
J. L. Farrar, return of 34 deaths,	8 50
W. L. Maynard, wrench for hearse,	75
A. C. Josselyn, telephone,	1 00
A. C. Josselyn, perambulating town lines,	1 25
A. C. Josselyn, trip to Boston, Stevens case,	4 00
A. C. Josselyn, postage and rubber bands,	9 00
B. L. Beckonert, express on pauper register,	25
G. A. Wilder, returning 30 births,	15 00

Paid G. A. Wilder, returning 9 marriages.	\$1 80
G. A. Wilder, returning 49 deaths.	9 80
G. A. Wilder, returning 2 deaths from Worcester,	40
G. A. Wilder, cash paid for index book,	37
G. A. Wilder, administering oaths and recording.	12 50
G. A. Wilder, time and expense to Boston, cemetery account.	4 00
G. A. Wilder, cash for license blanks,	50
G. A. Wilder, cash paid for express and postage,	14 40
J. C. Hodgman, going for and returning hearse 10 times,	10 00
B. & A. D. Fessenden, work on common,	41 65
Dr. C. H. Holcombe, returning 4 births,	1 00
J. M. Coffey, team for registrars,	1 00
W. L. Maynard, rods for park fence,	2 30
R. A. Lancey, services as teller Nov. 8,	2 00
U. S. Adams, lamps for Seminary Hall,	1 20
A. S. Howard, express on collector's book,	25
G. A. Adams, telephoning,	5 28
Hobbs, Warren & Co., pauper register.	3 50
C. M. Proctor, teams on account of assess- ors, overseers of poor, repairs at town farm, highway commission,	5 40
R. McElligott, account state highway,	2 10
C. M. Proctor, teams to Stickney's mill, for W. Sherwin.	70
F. J. Piper, testing milk bottles,	2 00
C. E. Streeter, ballot clerk, Nov. 8,	2 00
B. & A. D. Fessenden, markers, G. A. R.	4 00

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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid L. G. Chandler, fumigating D. Spofford	
house,	2 00
F. R. Houghton, fumigating D. Spofford	
house,	14 65
A. J. Atwood, examination,	2 00
R. S. Ely, examination DeVerney children,	2 00
R. S. Ely, examination B. Laws child,	1 00
L. G. Chandler, examination,	2 00
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	\$23 65

## Barry case :

Paid J. L. Farrar, team,	\$1 00
Wm. DeVerney, work,	2 00
M. Gleason, undertaker,	4 00
F. A. Patch, services,	3 50
H. B. Boynton, services and telephone,	11 27
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	\$21 77

## Benjamin Foster case :

Paid H. B. Boynton, medical attendance,	\$2 00
R. McElligott, time and expense,	2 00
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	\$4 00

Whole amount refunded by Foster estate.

Fairfield Whitney, refunded by vote of town	
for use of Seminary hall,	\$24 78

## TREE WARDEN ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Paid Joel S. Cook, tree warden,	\$21 43
J. M. Campbell,	18 50
Oren Lawrence,	2 25
H. H. Wyman,	4 50
B. H. Savage,	1 50



Paid W. M. Lawrence,	\$1 50	
A. K. Tyler,	27 50	
Total orders drawn,	<hr/>	\$77 18
Unexpended balance.		\$22 82
Total orders drawn for general expenses,		\$813 67
Refunded Foster case,	\$4 00	
Refunded for medical examination,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8 00
		\$805 67
Overdrawn appropriation,		\$205 07

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,		\$600 00
Paid B. L. Beckonert, services as assessor,		
selectman and overseer of poor,	\$130 00	
R. McElligott, services as assessor,		
selectman and overseer of poor,	130 00	
A. C. Josselyn, services as assessor,		
selectman and overseer of poor,	130 00	
G. A. Wilder, services as town clerk,	25 00	
G. A. Wilder, services as town treasurer,	75 00	
G. A. Wilder, clerk of registrars,	15 00	
J. M. Coffey, services as registrar,	8 00	
H. L. Stickney, services as registrar,	8 00	
A. S. Howard part pay for services as		
tax collector,	200 00	
M. O'Brien, services as constable,	22 00	
	<hr/>	\$743 00
Overdrawn appropriation,		\$143 00

## CHIEF ENGINEER.

Appropriation,	\$25 00
Paid T. E. Flarity, services year ending May 1, 1904,	\$25 00

## TEAMS TO FIRES.

Appropriation,		\$50 00
T. E. Flarity, team to Thompson fire,	\$5 50	
John Harvey. " " " "	1 00	
J. L. Farrar, " " " "	5 50	
J. L. Farrar, " " Upton fire,	1 00	
J. L. Farrar, 3 teams to Grimes fire,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$14 50
Unexpended balance,		\$35 50

## FIREMEN.

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Paid A. N. Fessenden,	\$400 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation,	\$250 00
Paid Town of Ayer, use of hand engine,	\$4 00
Clarence Stickney, drawing same to Ayer.	4 00
Clarence Stickney, fuel for Eclipse Engine Co.,	7 90
E. R. Cook, waste gauge for steamer,	80
C. E. Patch, work and services as janitor at Engine Hall, West Townsend,	12 70
Amos Jodrey, watching at E. W. Seaver's mill fire,	1 50
J. F. Thompson, cash paid for freight,	72
C. Callahan Co., supplies,	17 96
T. E. Flarity, team,	50
U. S. Adams,	16 02
B. H. Phelps, work at Engine House, West Townsend,	75
T. E. Flarity, express,	2 19
C. T. McDormond, repairs on hose carriage,	2 50

Paid Am. Locomotive Co., pump leathers,	\$2 00
A. H. Richards, labor, cash paid and strap,	1 60
G. A. Wilder, printing by-laws,	10 00
F. A. Greenleaf, expense to Boston,	2 00
E. R. Cook, work on steamer,	3 50
D. H. Coffey, supplies and repairs at West Townsend,	6 55
L. A. Eaton, lock and keys,	2 00
W. L. Maynard, bolts for steamer,	30
H. L. Stickney, watching fire,	85
Harvey Hodgman, watching fire,	60
Clarence Stickney, coal, W. Townsend,	16 08
B. & A. D. Fessenden, supplies,	90 80
T. E. Flarity, cash paid watching fires,	3 00
B. H. Savage, labor,	75
J. F. Thompson, repairs Engine House at West Townsend,	2 50
A. S. Howard, poll tax for 45 firemen,	90 00
A. H. Richards, cutting ice,	1 05
A. E. Burt, supplies,	1 50
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	\$306 62
Overdrawn appropriation,	\$ 56 62

## MEMORIAL HALL.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Paid J. D. Finegan, janitor,	\$30 00
U. S. Adams, light for library and selectmen's room,	63 48
U. S. Adams, wood,	58 00
S. Gillis, janitor,	120 00
S. Gillis, cash paid two doz. towels,	2 75
S. Gillis, cash paid for grass shears,	1 25
S. Gillis, table and fixtures,	1 75

Paid S. Gillis, incidentals,	\$6 85
A. E. Burt, copper for gutter,	11 55
J. L. Farrar, teaming pump to mill,	50
Pepperell Card & Paper Co., table paper,	3 47
E. A. Craig, labor and supplies,	11 00
W. Z. Sherwin, repairs,	17 20
S. Gillis, cash paid tuning piano,	2 00
S. Gillis, setting trees in front of hall,	1 00
E. R. Cook, work on election booths,	1 60
A. E. Burt, labor and supplies,	11 31
B. & A. D. Fessenden, supplies,	69 03
J. R. Smith, painting,	4 00
C. W. Hildreth, supplies,	2 90
W. D. Osgood, supplies,	17 06
A. F. Stickney & Son, plan of seats,	3 00
S. Gillis, register in library,	3 25
U. S. Adams, electric bulbs and supplies,	3 70
	—————\$ 446 65
Overdrawn appropriation,	\$146 65
Cash received by town treasurer for rent of hall,	\$219 00

## INSURANCE.

Appropriation,	\$55 00
Paid G. L. Whitcomb :	
On Hearse house,	\$6 00
On Engine house, West Townsend,	25 65
On Engine house at Harbor,	5 40
On scenery and curtain,	7 50
	—————\$ 44 55
Unexpended balance,	\$ 10 45

## LIBRARY.

Paid B. A. Willmott, treasurer, appropriation of 1903 dog tax,	\$286 85
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## RECATALOGUING LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	\$250 00
Paid B. A. Willmott, treasurer,	\$250 00

## PRINTING TOWN REPORTS.

No appropriation.

Paid G. A. Wilder, printing 700 reports,	\$152 00
G. A. Wilder, printing 50 school reports,	3 50
H. B. Hildreth, postage,	5 70
	<hr/> \$ 161 20

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$125 00
Paid C. W. Hildreth,	125 00

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriations:

School teachers,	\$3,500 00
Incidentals.	2,000 00
Superintendent,	450 00
	<hr/> \$5,950 00

Total amount of orders drawn,	\$8,340 92
For balance see Superintendent's report.	

## SUPPRESSION OF THE ILLEGAL SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Paid expense in Wright and Stearns case.	150 50
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Unexpended balance	\$49 50
Returned from First District Court to town treasurer, fines amounting to	\$209 84



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## SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIRS.

Appropriation,	\$2,500 00
Orders have been drawn for	\$2,529 35
Overdrawn appropriation,	\$29 35
See school committees' report.	

## WATERING TROUGH AT HARBOR.

Appropriation,	\$5 00
Paid Henry Spaulding, for care,	\$5 00
Chadwick Boston Lead Co., repairs	
on ram,	5 25
Express on ram,	60
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	\$10 85
Overdrawn appropriation,	\$5 85

## TOWNSEND BRASS BAND.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Paid C. E. Gates, treasurer,	200 00

## WIRING ENGINE HALL AT CENTER.

Appropriation,	\$100 00
Paid Bruce Hibbard Electric Co.,	\$91 50
T. E. Flarity, cash paid,	50
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	\$92 00
Unexpended balance,	\$8 00

## FIRE HOSE.

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Paid W. M. Farwell,	\$360 00
C. Callahan Co.,	36 70
T. E. Flarity, time and expense,	5 12
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	\$401 82
Overdrawn appropriation,	\$1 82

## FIGHTING FOREST FIRES.

Paid Wm. Tenney, work,	\$1 20
Chas. Wyman, work and cash paid men,	5 20
J. M. Campbell, work,	1 00
J. C. Hodgman, work,	8 50
F. W. Farrar, work,	1 00
T. J. Smith, work and cash paid men,	13 10
E. S. Kaddy, work,	1 00
G. R. Welch, work,	1 00
C. T. McDormond, work,	1 00
H. L. Stickney, work,	2 00
	<hr/> \$ 35 00

## OLD HOME DAY.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Paid A. K. Tyler, treasurer,	300 00
See Old Home Day committees' report.	

## REPAIRS ON TOWN FARM.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Paid O. B. Mudgett, pump and labor,	\$15 00
E. A. Craig, painting,	32 19
A. E. Burt, hardware,	7 75
Webber Lumber Co., lumber,	27 66
A. D. Cooper, painting,	61 62
Clarence Stickney, lumber,	11 12
Oren Lawrence, labor,	4 30
W. M. Lawrence, paint,	44 04
W. Z. Sherwin, labor,	34 20
	<hr/> \$237 88
Unexpended balance,	\$ 62 12

## PAINTING CEMETERY FENCE AT WEST TOWNSEND.

Appropriation, \$15 00. No money raised.	
Paid J. M. Campbell, labor and paint,	\$14 50

## CATCH BASIN NEAR RESIDENCE OF MARTHA GILSON.

Appropriation,		\$50 00
Paid D. W. Lewis, grate and base,	\$7 80	
B. H. Savage, labor,	1 65	
B. & A. D. Fessenden, supplies,	11 36	
A. K. Tyler, labor,	5 40	
	<hr/>	\$26 21
Unexpended balance,		\$23 79

## WASHOUT NEAR STICKNEY MILL.

Paid T. J. Smith, labor and cash paid,	\$398 35	
Clarence Stickney, labor and supplies,	19 58	
F. J. Knight, labor and supplies,	6 50	
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Total cost,		\$424 43

## SNOW ROLLER.

Appropriation, \$100 00. No money raised,		
Paid G. W. Tibbetts, snow roller,	\$100 00	
G. A. Wilder, freight on roller,	6 25	
A. K. Tyler, time and expense,	6 35	
B. & A. D. Fessenden, evener,	50	
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## STATE AID.

Paid Allen, Stephen B.	\$36 00
Adams, Franklin	72 00
Brogan, Daniel	72 00
Brown, Rufus T.	48 00
Burgess, Jane P.	48 00
Clark, Lucy R.	48 00

Paid Cook, Reuben S.	\$72 00
Dix, Charles W.	20 00
Dwinell, Edwin	72 00
Gilmore, Alfred D.	72 00
Hunt, Catherine	8 00
Hazzard, Josephine	48 00
Hildreth, John P.	48 00
King, Mary	48 00
Leve, Ellen	48 00
Parker, Levi T.	36 00
Piper, Harriet	48 00
Patten, Mary.	48 00
Pratt, Ellen A.	48 00
Putnam, Sarah A.	36 00
Perkins, Abraham	48 00
Spear, Wm. H.	48 00
Tenney, Wm. H.	48 00
Todd, Hugh	72 00
Wright, Wm. R.	48 00
Webb, Hannah	48 00
Welch, Thomas H.	48 00
Wright, Jennie	48 00

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Due from State, \$1,384 00

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid L. G. Chandler, medical attendance of	
Chas. W. Dix,	\$17 00
G. A. Adams, aid furnished Chas. W. Dix,	3 00
Levi T. Parker, burial agent, burial of	
Chas. W. Dix,	35 00
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	\$55 00
Due from State.	35 00
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	\$20 00

## RECAPITULATION.

Money raised by vote of the town April 4, 1904.

Highways, bridges and snow paths,	\$2,200 00
Support of poor,	1,500 00
Town officers.	600 00
General expenses.	600 00
Memorial Hall,	300 00
Memorial Day,	125 00
Interest,	500 00
School teachers,	3,500 00
School superintendent,	450 00
School incidentals,	2,000 00
Fire department incidentals,	250 00
Personal services at West Townsend,	200 00
Personal services at Center,	200 00
Teams to fires,	50 00
Chief engineer,	25 00
Sidewalks,	200 00
Street lighting,	750 00
Watering trough at Harbor.	5 00
Suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors,	200 00
Insurance,	55 00
Old Home Week,	300 00
Band concerts,	200 00
Painting and repairing town farm buildings,	300 00
Wiring Engine House at Center,	100 00
Copying vital statistics,	40 00
New hose,	400 00
Tree warden,	100 00
Recataloguing Public Library,	250 00
Catch basin near Martha Gilson's,	50 00
Repairs on School buildings,	500 00
	<hr/> \$15,950 00



## RECAPITULATION CONTINUED.

Amount brought over,	\$15,950 00
State Tax,	\$975 00
County Tax,	1,318 12
State Highway Repair Tax,	210 55
National Bank Tax,	229 40
Overlayings,	706 69
Additions to collector's book,	41 10
	<hr/> \$3,480 86
	<hr/> \$19,430 86

## ORDERS HAVE BEEN DRAWN AS FOLLOWS.

Highways, bridges, sidewalks and snow paths,	\$2,513 50
Lighting streets,	790 56
Support of poor,	2,805 75
General expenses,	813 67
Town officers,	743 00
Tree warden,	77 18
Memorial Hall,	446 65
Chief engineer,	25 00
Teams to fires,	14 50
Firemen,	400 00
Fire department incidentals,	306 62
Insurance,	44 55
Library,	536 85
Printing town and school reports,	161 20
Memorial Day,	125 00
Town notes,	24,672 27
Interest,	544 24
Schools,	8,340 92
Suppression of the illegal sale of liquor,	150 50
Repairing school buildings,	2,529 35
Watering trough at Harbor,	10 85

Townsend Brass Band,	\$200 00
Wiring Engine Hall at Center,	92 00
Painting cemetery fence, West Townsend,	14 50
Snow roller,	113 10
Washout near Stickney's mill,	424 43
State aid,	1,384 00
Forest fires,	35 00
New fire hose,	401 82
Old Home Day,	300 00
Repairs on town farm,	237 88
Catch basin near Gilson house,	26 21
Soldiers' relief,	55 00
State tax,	975 00
County tax,	1,318 12
State highway repair tax,	210 55
National Bank tax,	227 10
	<hr/> \$52,066 85

## LIABILITIES.

Notes due in anticipation of taxes,	\$6,500 00
State road notes,	1,000 00
West Townsend, State road notes,	1,000 00
Town farm repair note,	500 00
West Townsend hand engine note,	200 00
School house repair notes,	2,000 00
Appropriation for firemen due May 1, '05,	400 00
Appropriation for chief engineer, due May 1, 1905,	25 00
Will be due superintendent of town farm, April 1, 1905,	41 69
Will be due superintendent of schools, July 1, 1905,	360 00
	<hr/> \$12,026 69

## ASSETS.

Due from State. State Aid,	\$1,384 00
Burial of soldiers,	70 00
Inspector of animals,	56 50
Superintendent of schools,	750 00
Cash in hands of treasurer,	422 06
Cash in hands of treasurer, Mass.	
School Fund,	387 86
Due from A. S. Howard, commitment of 1902.	505 31
Due from A. S. Howard, commitment of 1903,	1,869 16
Due from A. S. Howard, commitment of 1904.	5,238 46
Due from city of Fitchburg, Dexter Dickinson case,	154 97
Due from city from Fitchburg, P. E. Robar case,	95 83
Due from city of Fitchburg, W. Bonney case,	30 00
Interest on Susan Emery Wilson fund,	46 38
	—————\$11,010 53

## LIST OF NOTES OWED BY THE TOWN.

State Road notes bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes if assessed in Townsend, payable semi-annually, March 1 and Sept. 1, maturing as follows:

Note matures Sept. 1, 1905.	\$500 00
Note matures Sept. 1, 1906.	500 00
	—————\$1,000 00

West Townsend State Road notes, bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Note matures Dec. 6, 1905.	\$500 00
Note matures Dec. 6, 1906,	500 00
	—————\$1,000 00

Town Farm repair note, bearing 4 per cent. interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Note matures Feb. 28, 1908, \$500 00

West Townsend Hand Engine note, bearing 4 per cent. interest, and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Note matures July 1, 1905. \$200 00

School House repair notes, bearing 4 per cent. interest and taxes, if assessed in Townsend.

Note matures July 1, 1905, \$500 00

Note matures July 1, 1906, 500 00

Note matures July 1, 1907, 500 00

Note matures July 1, 1908, 500 00

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\$2,000 00

Notes in anticipation of taxes. \$6,500 00

### INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

Memorial Hall building, expires April 24, 1906, \$10,000 00

Memorial Hall furniture, expires July 12, 1906, 1,300 00

Memorial Hall scenery, expires March 1, 1908, 300 00

Public Library and furniture, expires June 12, 1905, 2,000 00

Law Library, expires March 1, 1907. 150 00

High School building, and fixtures, expires April 1, 1905, Dec. 1, 1906, and Jan. 1, 1907. 7,500 00

School building and fixtures at West Townsend, expires Sept. 1, 1906, 2,700 00

School building at Harbor, expires Dec. 1, 1906, 1,000 00

Hearse house and carriages at Center, expires Aug. 1, 1907, 500 00

Engine house, steamer, hose carriage and fixtures at Center, expires June 6, 1905, 5,500 00

On Engine house, engine and fixtures at West Townsend, expires March 1, 1908,	\$1,800 00
On Engine house at Harbor, expires March 1, 1908,	400 00
On Town Farm buildings and contents, expires Aug. 1, 1905. and Aug. 1, 1906,	3,500 00
On Aker place, near town farm, expires July 1, 1905,	200 00
On Piano in Memorial Hall,	500 00

## EXPENSES FOR WHICH THERE WAS

## NO APPROPRIATION.

Printing town reports,	\$161 20
Forest fires,	35 00
New snow roller,	113 10
Washout near the Stickney mill,	424 43
Painting cemetery fence at West Townsend,	14 50
	<hr/> \$948 23

## OVERDRAWN ACCOUNTS.

Highways,	\$197 50
Street lighting,	40 56
General expenses,	205 67
Memorial Hall,	146 65
Town Officers,	143 00
Fire department incidentals,	56 62
Watering trough at Harbor,	5 85
Fire department, new hose,	1 82
Interest,	44 20
Repairs on school buildings,	29 35
	<hr/> \$871 22



## UNEXPENDED ACCOUNTS.

Tree warden,	\$22 82
Teams to fires,	35 50
Insurance,	10 45
Suppression of illegal sale of liquor,	49 50
Wiring Engine House at Center,	8 00
Repairs at town farm,	62 12
Catch basin near Gilson house,	23 79
	————— \$212 18

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following are the appropriations recommended by the different departments for the ensuing year :

Highways and bridges,	\$2,000 00
Snow paths,	200 00
Support of poor,	1,800 00
General expenses,	800 00
Town officers,	800 00
Memorial Hall,	300 00
Memorial Day,	125 00
Interest,	500 00
School teachers,	4,000 00
School superintendent,	450 00
School incidentals,	2,200 00
Fire department incidentals,	250 00
Fire department at Center and W. Townsend,	400 00
Teams to fires,	50 00
Chief engineer,	25 00
Sidewalks,	200 00
Lighting streets,	750 00
Suppression of illegal sale of intoxicating liquors,	200 00
Watering trough at Harbor.	5 00
Tree Warden,	215 00

Soldiers' relief,	\$100 00
Town debt,	500 00

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. BECKONERT,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Townsend</i>
RICH'D. MCELLIGOTT,	
A. C. JOSSELYN,	

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of Poor and find them correct.

WM. H. LANG,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
EVERETT W. SEAVER,	

## REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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*To the Board of Selectmen :*

GENTLEMEN :—As Chief of the Fire Department I have the honor of submitting the following report of the condition and work of the department for the year ending March 1, 1905.

The town has been fortunate the past year in the small losses by fire. The few calls that have been made on the department have been promptly responded to. The most serious fire was on December 26, at Edgar W. Upton's, when his house and much of its contents were destroyed. It was impossible to take any of the apparatus to this fire, except the hand extinguishers, and the fire was then under such headway that they were of little use.

Fire hose has been purchased in accordance with the vote of the town, and the Engine House at the centre fitted with electric lights.

It was found necessary to make some repairs on the steamer for which no appropriation was made. It is now in first class condition and ready for hard work. The appropriations should be the same as last year, as it is impossible to maintain the department and keep it up to its present standard with a less amount.

### LIST OF FIRES

Friday, March 4, a lively blaze at the home of John B. Clark, West Townsend, caused by the explosion of a bottle of

alcohol which was on a shelf back of the parlor stove. Mr. Clark having two fire extinguishers on his premises succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before much headway had been gained. The presence of these two fire extinguishers undoubtedly saved his house. No alarm was given.

July 14. The barn owned by Robert A. Thompson in West Townsend was totally destroyed, with much of its contents. That the fire did not extend to other buildings was due to the efficient work of the local company. Origin of fire unknown.

Aug. 30. A still alarm was given for a chimney fire at M. L. Whitcomb's house on School Street. This fire was quickly extinguished with a fire extinguisher.

Dec. 26. Edgar W. Upton's house on Wallace Hill was destroyed with much of its valuable contents. The fire started in the wood shed after the family had retired for the night, and it was only by great exertion that all of the inmates were roused and removed from the house, so rapidly did the flames spread. The neighbors did good work in removing furniture and valuable books, but much that was valuable was lost. The house and contents were insured for \$2500.00.

Feb. 22. The barn on the "Steve Martin" place on the West Townsend road, owned by Thomas H. Grimes, was burned and the house slightly damaged. Several hens and a dog were burned with the barn. Origin of fire unknown.

Roster of the department:

ENGINEERS.

T. E. FLARITY, CHIEF.

A. N. FESSENDEN, CLERK AND TREASURER.

J. F. THOMPSON,  
C. T. McDORMOND,

F. A. GREENLEAF,  
F. J. KNIGHT.

## SQUANICOOK STEAMER CO., No. 1.

C. E. Gates,	Foreman.
W. F. Arlin,	First Assistant.
H. C. Felch,	Second Assistant.
G. T. Powell,	Clerk.
G. L. Eastman,	Treasurer.
A. H. Richards,	Steward.
G. A. Ducharme,	E. R. Cook, Engineer.
C. A. Wright,	L. C. Richards.
H. E. Buckley,	D. F. Markham.
A. P. Bliss,	J. D. Gwinn.

## ECLIPSE ENGINE CO., No. 2, WEST TOWNSEND.

H. L. Stickney,	Foreman.
John Manchester,	First Assistant.
F. D. Parsons,	Second Assistant.
C. B. Stickney,	Clerk and Treasurer.
D. H. Coffey,	Steward.
Michael Coffey,	Benj. Seaborn.
E. T. Davis,	G. M. Streeter.
Harvey Hodgman,	T. H. Smith.
C. A. Hodgman,	C. W. Sherwin.
Foster Hamilton,	C. B. Shaw.
Amos Jodrey,	A. S. Thayer.
E. S. Kaddy,	J. F. Thompson.
Eldon Legag,	Geo. Upton.
A. J. Manchester,	James Welch.
E. K. Marshall,	W. W. Webster.
W. H. Mills,	Geo. Wyman.
C. T. McDormond,	E. G. Wilson.
J. M. Nutting,	Louis Welch.
E. F. Patch,	Geo. Welch.
C. E. Patch,	E. D. Whiting.



Geo. Richardson,  
C. F. Russell,  
Alden Sherwin,

Charlie Welch.  
Chas. Robbins.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. FLARITY, *Chief Engineer.*

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## Report of Old Home Week Committee.

OLD HOME WEEK ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS.

ALBERT S. HOWARD, PRESIDENT.

BENJAMIN A. WILLMOTT, GEORGE L. WHITCOMB, VICE-  
PRESIDENTS.

GEORGE A. WILDER, SECRETARY.

ASA K. TYLER, TREASURER.

JOEL S. COOK, RICHARD McELIGOTT, BERNARD L. BECKONERT,  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

### REPORT.

Friday, August 5, 1904, was observed the first "Old Home Day" in this town, and with gratifying results. It will doubtless be an occasion to which not only residents, but non-residents also, will look back to, not merely with pleasure, but pride. May the observance bind us closer together.

This occasion not only brought together friends and acquaintances but revealed some historical facts worthy of preservation and it is with pleasure that we record them:

According to our Town History, the first paper title to any land in Townsend was given 228 years ago, and the town charter was granted June 29, 1732 [where is this town charter?]. Since those early days, Townsend, like a generous, patriotic mother, has been sending out her children to all parts of the country and to foreign lands.

Our faithful secretary verified this statement by sending out, as requested, invitations to thirty-one states outside of our beloved commonwealth, one territory and the Philippine Islands.

Because of the faithful work of the registration committee, over eleven hundred names and addresses were recorded that day, showing that eleven states were represented, viz: Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Colorado, California and Massachusetts.

Through the faithful work of the dinner committee, with the generous cooperation of the citizens, about 600 were provided with a dinner.

Every effort was made on the part of the Association to make it a home-gathering. This met a hearty reciprocation on the part of the sons and daughters, either by birth or adoption, who so generously responded to the seven hundred and fifty invitations sent out; thereby making it a day long to be remembered, and the love that binds us together made the stronger.

The Association desires to gratefully recognize the generous financial aid rendered by the voters of Townsend. From the treasurer's report you will find the unexpended balance has been returned to the town. Also the Association places in the hands of the selectmen thirty dollars worth of valuable stereotyped plates, covering some thirty-six historical objects, which can be used for years to come. June 29, 1907 will be

the 175th anniversary of our town. The officers of the Association believe special efforts should be made to mark this date.

In behalf of the officers I extend to all committees a grateful recognition of the faithful work done; in behalf of the Association I express a hearty appreciation of the ready cooperation of citizens and invited guests, all of which made our first Old Home Day not only possible but a success, not hardly a ripple to mar the enjoyment.

To my associate officers I am greatly indebted for their hearty, cheerful and valuable assistance.

ALBERT S. HOWARD, *President.*

The annual meeting of the Townsend Old Home Week Association will be held in the selectmen's room, Memorial Hall, Saturday, April 8, 1905.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT OF OLD HOME WEEK.

#### CASH RECEIVED.

Appropriation,	\$300 00
Charles S. Homer,	10 00
Schubert Concert,	117 50
Decorating Bank,	3 00
L. T. Parker, Chairman of dinner committee,	61 15
Sale of souvenir books,	87 63

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\$579 28

## CASH PAID.

Cooley M'fg Co., badges, etc.,	\$31 65
G. A. Wilder, printing, postal cards, envelopes, tickets, etc.,	29 35
B. L. Beckonert, ball game,	47 00
J. H. Hefflon, team, postage, etc.,	5 78
H. B. Hildreth, envelopes and stamps.	9 15
Charles W. Swaine for the Schubert Quartette,	55 00
Car fares,	8 10
F. B. Farwell, hotel bill,	7 50
C. E. Gates, services of band,	65 00
Daniel Harley, decorations,	30 00
Oriental Tea Co., coffee,	17 65
Fitchburg Baking Co.,	4 70
C. W. Hildreth, butter and napkins,	2 75
B. R. Littlefield, meat,	18 74
F. B. Higgins, ice cream and express,	34 40
L. T. Parker,	1 40
U. S. Adams, electricity,	1 92
B. A. Willmott, express, etc.,	1 05
J. L. Farrar, teams	4 25
E. A. Flagg, music	50
For souvenir books,	
A. D. Fessenden,	2 00
A. J. Floyd Co.,	7 22
Sentinel Printing Co.,	60 95
Town Treasurer, unexpended balance,	133 22

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 \$579 28

Appropriation of town,	\$300 00
Amount unexpended,	133 22
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Net cost to town,	\$166 78
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Respectfully submitted,

A. K. TYLER, *Treasurer.*

We have examined above account and find it correct.

B. L. BECKONERT,  
A. C. JOSSELYN,  
RICH'D McELIGOTT,

March 1, 1905.

*Finance Committee.*



# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1905.

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Balance due on commitment of 1902,	\$505 31
1903,	1,869 16
1904,	5,238 46
	<hr/> \$7,612 93

(For details see treasurer's report.)

## COMMITMENT OF 1904.

Non-resident bank tax,	\$229 40
State tax,	975 00
County tax,	1,318 12
State highway tax,	210 55
Town tax,	15,950 00
Overlayings,	706 69
Additions,	41 10
	<hr/> \$19,430 86
Collected on 1904 tax,	14,149 22
Abatements on 1904 tax,	43 18
Balance due on 1904 tax,	5,238 46
	<hr/> \$19,430 86

## EXCISE TAX.

Commitment,	\$8 71
Collected, (all of which was paid under protest)	\$7 39
Uncollected,	1 32
	<hr/> \$8 71

## PAID G. A. WILDER, TREASURER,

On tax of 1899,	\$ 60
1900,	55
1901,	10 68
1902,	1,264 72
1903,	3,247 28
1904,	14,192; 40
	<hr/> \$18,716 23

On tax of 1899, interest money,	\$ 17
1900, " "	13
1901, " "	1 80
1902, " "	116 19
1903, " "	99 61
1904, " "	8 40
	<hr/> \$ 226 30

On excise tax,	\$7 39
Deposited balance [Acts of 1888, Chap. 390,	
Sect. 40]	\$ 41
Deposited balance [Acts of 1888, Chap. 390,	
Sect. 40]	1 76
	<hr/> \$ 2 16
	<hr/> \$18,952 09

ALBERT S. HOWARD, *Collector.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1905.

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## RECEIPTS,

Balance on hand, March 1, 1904,	\$422 38
State treasurer, superintendent of schools,	750 00
State treasurer, paupers,	1 00
State treasurer, inspector of animals,	48 00
State treasurer, corporation tax,	591 85
State treasurer, national bank tax,	52 51
State treasurer, state aid,	1,369 00
State treasurer, education of children, state board of charity,	69 30
City of Boston, tuition of wards,	144 50
County treasurer, dog licenses,	273 05
John D. Finegan, rent of Memorial hall,	8 00
John D. Finegan, dishes broken.	25
Samuel Gillis, rent of Memorial hall,	211 00
Fairfield Whitney, rent of Seminary hall,	53 84
Fairfield Whitney, supplies sold,	8 03
Fairfield Whitney, tuition.	229 00
Fairfield Whitney, seats sold.	37 75
Fairfield Whitney, refunded by vote of the town,	10 43
City of Fitchburg,	492 98
First District Court, Ayer,	209 84
B. & A. D. Fessenden, use of steamer filling tank.	5 00
B. & A. D. Fessenden, coal for steamer while filling tank,	22 55

W. M. Lawrence, Joslynville school house,	\$130 00
F. R. Dudley, No. 12 school house,	175 00
North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., heat and janitor service to Jan. 15, 1905,	50 00
North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., excess heat,	6 25
North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., rent of banquet hall,	10 00
North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., rent of hall,	30 00
F. B. Higgins, druggist license,	1 00
B. H. Laws, butcher's license,	1 00
E. D. Lancey, butcher's license,	1 00
Charles Wyman, butcher's license,	1 00
B. P. Foster estate,	33 37
Rent of Buckley house,	9 50
A. K. Tyler, treasurer of Old Home Week Association,	133 22
A. K. Tyler, tree warden account,	27 50
A. K. Tyler, stone sold,	2 00
Board of Health refunded,	4 00
B. W. Parker, error on account,	7 11
Estate of James Gilson, perpetual care of James Gilson lot in Center cemetery,	100 00
Martha S. M. Sanders, perpetual care of William Sanders lot in W. Townsend cemetery,	50 00
Martha S. M. Sanders, perpetual care of Asa Graham lot in Center cemetery,	100 00
A. E. Whitney, perpetual care of Asa Whitney lot in Center cemetery,	100 00
Estate of Elmina K. Spaulding, perpetual care of Samuel Spaulding lot in Center cemetery,	100 00
Jessie M. Webster, Ex. perpetual care of E. M. Taylor lot in Center cemetery,	100 00

Jane A. Powers, perpetual care of Jane A.	
Powers lot in Center cemetery,	\$100 00
Elsie P. Blood, perpetual care of Amos O.	.
Blood lot in Center cemetery,	25 00
A. J. Hinds, perpetual care of Ezra Hinds	
lot in Center cemetery,	100 00
Money borrowed,	27,500 00
A. S. Howard, collector, [Acts 1888, Chap.	
390, Sect. 40.]	1 76
A. S. Howard, collector, [Acts 1888, Chap.	
390, Sect. 40,]	41
A. S. Howard, collector, excise tax, 1905,	7 39
A. S. Howard, collector. 1899 taxes.	60
A. S. Howard, collector, 1900 taxes,	55
A. S. Howard, collector, 1901 taxes.	10 68
A. S. Howard, collector, 1902 taxes,	1,264 72
A. S. Howard, collector, 1903 taxes,	3,247 28
A. S. Howard, collector, 1904 taxes,	14,192 40
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1899	
taxes,	17
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1900	
taxes.	13
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1901	
taxes	1 80
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1902	
taxes,	116 19
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1903	
taxes,	99 61
A. S. Howard, collector, interest 1904	
taxes,	8 40
	<hr/> \$52,859 28



## PAYMENTS.

Deposited in Wildey Savings Bank, Boston, account cemetery funds,	\$875 00
Refunded to West Townsend Dramatic Club, by vote of town,	10 43
Transferred to Mass. School Fund,	219 94
Town orders, which include bank tax. and part of notes reported due March 1, 1904,	51,331 85
Balance on hand,	422 06
	<hr/> \$52,859 28

## MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

Balance on hand March 1, 1904,	\$219 94
Income from Mass. school fund,	902 92
	<hr/> \$1,122 86
Paid orders as per vouchers,	\$735 00
Balance on hand March 1, 1905.	<hr/> \$387 86
Total receipts, including Mass. school fund,	\$53,762 20
Total orders drawn, including Mass. school fund,	\$52,066 85

## COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Due the town from A. S. Howard, collector, 1899 taxes.	\$ 60
Amount collected,	60
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Due the town from A. S. Howard, collector, 1900 taxes,	\$ 55
Amount collected,	55
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Due the town from A. S. Howard, collector,		
1901 taxes,	\$10 68	
Amount collected,	10 68	
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Due the town from A. S. Howard, collector,		
1902 taxes,	\$1,770 03	
Amount collected,	1,264 72	
	<hr/>	\$505 31
Due the town from A. S. Howard, collector,		
1903 taxes,	\$5,116 44	
Amount collected,	3,247 28	
	<hr/>	\$1,869 16
Amount committed to A. S. Howard,		
collector, 1904 taxes,	\$19,430 86	
Amount collected,	14,192 40	
	<hr/>	\$5,238 46
Leaving balance due the town March 1, 1905,	\$7,612 93	

## EXCISE TAX.

Amount committed to A. S. Howard, collector, 1905 tax,	\$8 71	
Amount collected,	7 39	
	<hr/>	\$1 32
Balance due the town March 1, 1905, taxes,	\$7,612 93	
Excise tax,		1 32

## SUSAN EMERY WILSON FUND.

Susan Emery Wilson Fund, deposited in		
Franklin Savings Bank, book 73,485,	\$334 00	
Interest to Feb. 1, 1905,	46 38	
	<hr/>	\$380 38

## LIST OF CEMETERY FUNDS.

R. T. Bartlett,	\$200 00
Charles Emery,	500 00
Edson Adams,	150 00
Henry Warner,	150 00
Mary P. Spaulding,	50 00
James N. Tucker,	500 00
Mary P. Warren,	100 00
Joel Giles,	2,000 00
W. & A. L. Fessenden,	1,000 00
B. F. Lewis,	250 00
Charles E. Powers,	250 00
Dr. Miles Spaulding,	100 00
James Gillis,	150 00
Nathaniel Cummings,	100 00
Caroline Wright,	50 00
Henrietta B. Green,	200 00
John Scales,	500 00
C. F. Daby,	200 00
Francis M. Walker,	150 00
Mary A. Hinds,	100 00
Christiana B. Wheelock,	100 00
Mrs. D. B. Needham,	100 00
Lucy H. Scales,	300 00
Sarah M. Ball,	100 00
Abigail S. Spaulding,	100 00
Alvah F. Stickney,	100 00
Samuel S. Spear,	100 00
Martha Adams,	100 00
Mary B. Lawrence,	150 00
Hamor Lewis,	100 00
George W. Brown,	100 00
John K. Richards,	100 00

Margaret Dobson,	100 00
Melbourne W. Whitney,	300 00
Daniel Spaulding,	60 00
Silas R. Wood,	100 00
Jane A. Powers,	100 00
Martha S. M. Sanders,	100 00
Martha S. M. Sanders,	50 00
Elsie P. Blood,	25 00
James Gilson,	100 00
Arthur E. Whitney,	100 00
Elmina K. Spaulding,	100 00
E. M. Taylor,	100 00
Ezra Hinds,	100 00
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	\$9,485 00

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CEMETERY FUNDS DEPOSITED AS FOLLOWS:

Deposit book 68,240 Home Savings Bank,	\$1,700 00
Deposit book 31,804, Fitchburg Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Deposit book, 21,536, Worcester North Savings Institution,	1,000 00
Deposit book 8,628, Winchendon Sav- ing Bank,	1,000 00
Deposit book 383,318, Boston Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Deposit book 71,873, Franklin Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Deposit book 33,949, Holyoke Savings Bank,	1,000 00

Deposit book 85,367, City Institution for Savings, Lowell,	910 00
Deposit book 23,467, Wildey Savings, Bank,	875 00
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	\$9,485 00

## INTEREST ON CEMETERY FUNDS RECEIVED.

Balance on hand March 1, 1904,	\$178 47
Worcester North Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1904,	40 40
Fitchburg Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1904.	35 30
Home Savings Bank, interest to April 1, 1904,	23 14
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	\$277 31
Paid H. B. Hildreth, as per order of Selectmen and Cemetery Commissioners,	\$277 31

G. A. WILDER, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them correct.

WM. H. LANG, }  
 EVERETT W. SEAVER, } *Auditors.*



# WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Townsend, in said  
County : Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Memorial Hall in Townsend on Monday, April 3d, at 10 o'clock, a. m., A. D. 1905, to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

ART. 2. To accept the printed reports of the officers and committees of the town.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate money, say how much and how the same shall be expended for highways, bridges, breaking snow paths, removing snow from sidewalks, building sidewalks, support of poor, lighting streets, town officers, general expenses, Memorial Hall, watering trough at Harbor, interest on town debts, insurance, suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, Memorial Day, superintendent of schools under Chapter 431. Acts of 1888, teachers' salaries, school incidentals, tree warden, and maintenance of fire department.

ART. 5. To hear the report of the committee to whom was referred the matter of a new school house at West Townsend.

ART. 6. To see if the town will vote to erect a new school building at West Townsend, raise or borrow and appropriate money therefor, or act in any way in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for a receiving tomb at the West Townsend cemetery.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to build a landing for fire engines near stone bridge at West Townsend.

ART. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to build a sidewalk from the residence of D. A. Fletcher to the Harbor school house.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to purchase more snow rollers and appropriate money for same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new road machine and appropriate money for same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of lighting the engine houses at the Center and West Townsend.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fight the brown tail moth.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of putting in suitable apparatus to water the lawn at Memorial Hall.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to carry the high school scholars from the east end of the town, and appropriate money for same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will allow the free use of Memorial Hall for the Townsend Lecture and Entertainment Course.

ART. 17. To decide whether the money refunded to the town on account of dog licenses shall be used for the public library or schools.

ART. 18. To direct the tax collector to charge interest upon all taxes not paid at a specified time.

ART. 19. To act in relation to the Jury List as revised by the selectmen Feb. 10, 1905.

ART. 20. To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year as shall be found necessary to meet the current expenses of the year.

ART. 21. To choose a committee to act with the Selectmen in the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 22. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

ART. 23. To choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the town with power to employ counsel.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to repair the aqueduct on the Fitchburg road near residence of Ripley Brothers.

ART. 25. To accept from Charles D. Clark seventy-five (\$75) dollars in trust, the income to be expended for the perpetual care of the Charles G. Manning lot in Center cemetery.

ART. 26. To accept from John Haynes one hundred (\$100) dollars in trust, the income to be expended for the perpetual care of the Stillman Haynes lot No. 17 on west side

of Avenue 5, in Center Cemetery.

ART. 27. To accept from the estate George F. Lawton one hundred (\$100) dollars in trust, the income thereof to be expended for perpetual care of the George F. Lawton lot, No. 56, on the east side of Avenue 3, in Center cemetery.

ART. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Band Concerts.

Or act in any way in relation to any of the foregoing articles.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, at the Memorial Hall at the Center, the Brick Meeting-house in West Townsend, and the Meeting-house in the Harbor, in said Townsend, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, or Town Clerk, on or before the time appointed for said meeting. Given under our hands, this eighteenth day of March, A. D., 1905.

B. L. BECKONERT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
RICH'D MCELLIGOTT,	
A. C. JOSSELYN,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Townsend.</i>

## BY-LAWS.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Middlesex, ss.

At the superior court within and for the county of Middlesex, Anno Domini 1894.

The following By-laws of the town of Townsend in said county are presented to this court for approval, to wit:

### ARTICLE I.—Town Meetings.

Section 1. The annual town meeting shall be held on the first Monday of April in each year.

Sect. 2. The financial year of the town shall begin on the first day of March in each year.

Sect. 3. The annual report of the town officers shall be distributed, by mail or otherwise, to each resident voter and taxpayer, at least one week before each annual meeting.

Sect. 4. No action shall be had at any town meeting on the report of any committee previously chosen, unless the subject matter shall be specified in the warrant calling such meeting.

### ARTICLE II.—Streets.

Section 1. No person shall pasture any cattle, or other animals, with or without a keeper, in any streets of the town.

Sect. 2. No person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team to any of the trees planted or reserved for shade or orna-



ment in any public highway, street, or public lands in the town or to any structure put up for the protection of such trees; or, except for necessary repairs, drive into such trees or structures any nails, spikes, hooks or staples, or affix any sign-boards thereto.

Sect. 3. No owner or person for the time having the care or use of any horse or other beast of burden, shall ride, drive or permit the same to go at a faster rate than ten miles an hour in any street or public highway of the town, except in case of sickness, death, accident or fire.

Sect. 4. No person shall place or cause to be placed in any public street or way of the town any rubbish, ashes or garbage, except for the purpose of immediate removal therefrom.

Sect. 5. No person shall make any marks or post any bills upon any wall, fence, post, tree, bridge or other structure within the limits of any street or public highway in said town, without having first obtained permission in writing from the Selectmen.

Sect. 6. No person shall make any bonfire in any of the streets, public highways or public lands or commons of the town.

Sect. 7. No person shall coast, course or slide down, in or along any of the sidewalks, streets, or public ways of the town, except at such places and under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen shall first designate and specify in writing.

Sect. 8. No person shall play at ball, or throw ball, stones, sticks or other missiles within any of the streets or public ways of the town; or do the same in any of the public grounds of the town, without permission of the Selectmen first obtained in writing; but this section shall not apply to

any of the grounds connected with any of the school buildings of said town.

Sect. 9. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or firearms, or set fire to any materials known as fireworks, or throw any such lighted fireworks in, into or across any of the public streets, public ways or sidewalks of the town.

Sect. 10. Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding sections of this article shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each and every offense to be recovered by complaint before any trial justice or district court in the county of Middlesex having jurisdiction.

Sect. 11. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen, Constables and Police Officers to prosecute, and any person injured may prosecute any violations of any of the preceding sections of this article, by complaint as hereinbefore mentioned, providing, however, that all prosecutions shall be commenced within one month from the date of such violation.

Sect. 12. All penalties recovered for violation of any of the preceding sections of this article shall be paid into the treasury of the town, to be applied to such use as the town from time to time shall direct.

Which said By-laws being seen and understood by the court, are on this twenty-eighth day of March, A. D. 1894, approved.

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy of record, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of said court, this thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1894.

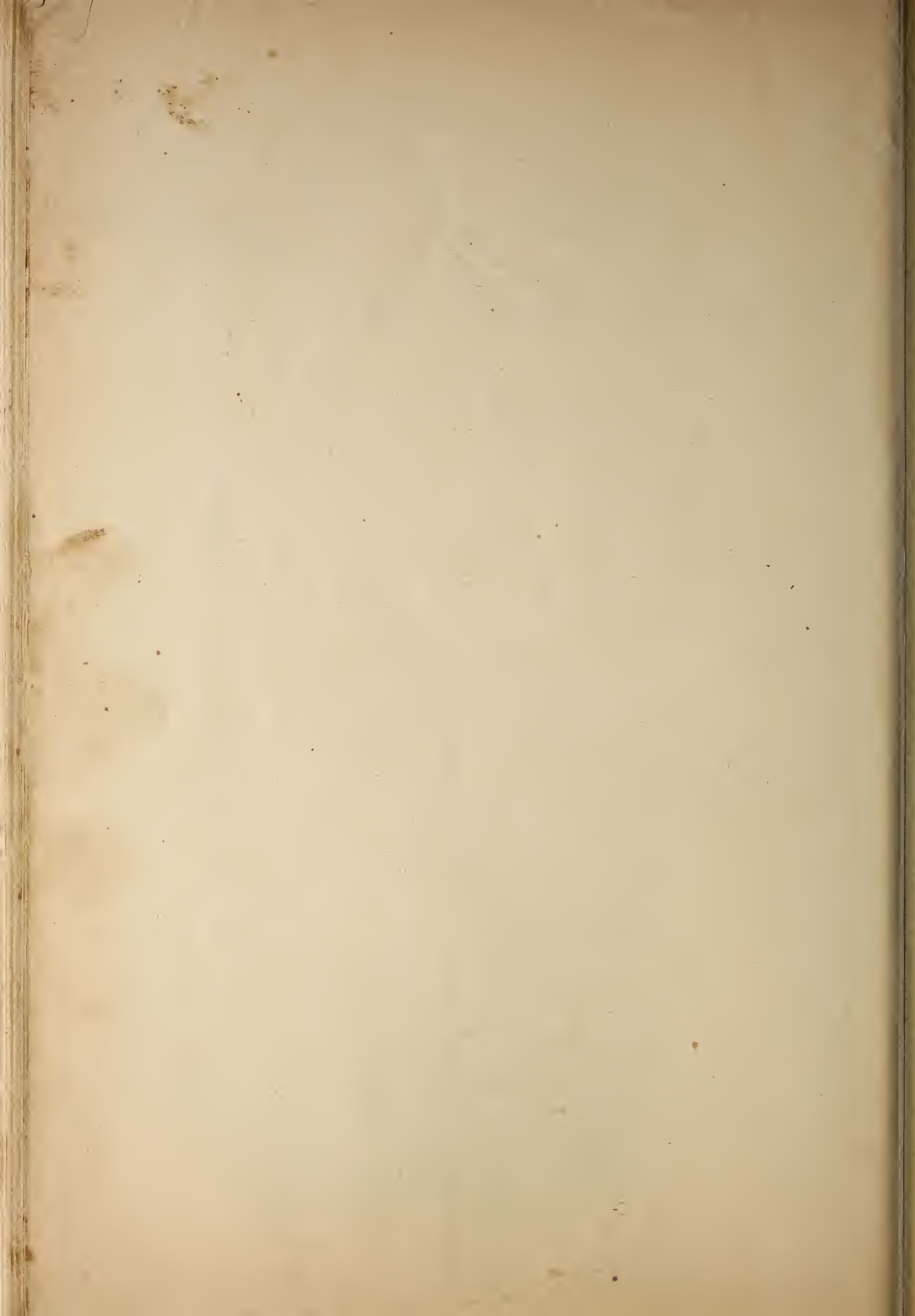
JOHN L. AMBROSE, Assistant Clerk.

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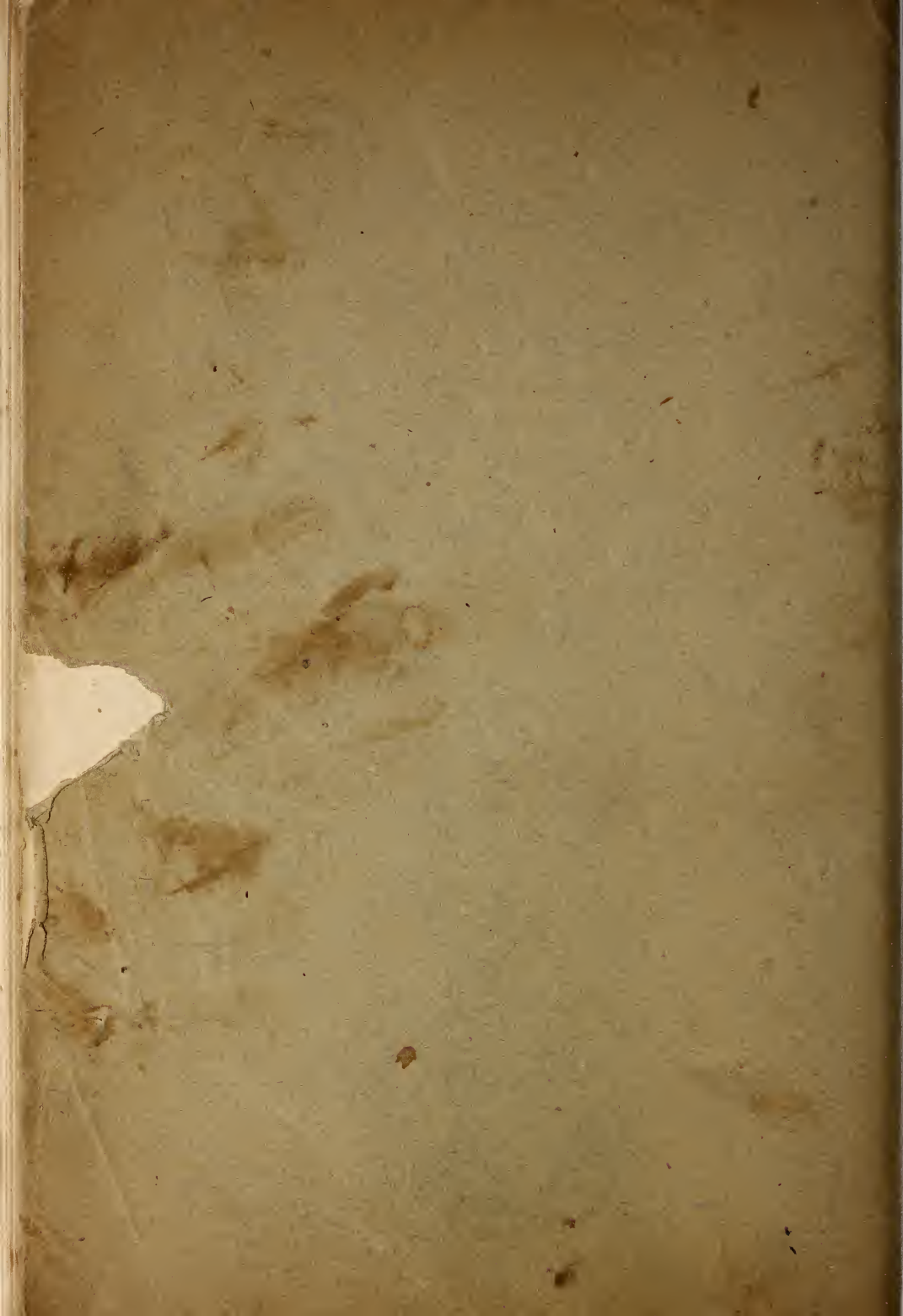
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